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Presidential Address

To the 136th Annual Convention of the Theosophical Society
Adyar, 26 December 2011

Every Convention has a special atmosphere and we are all privileged recipients of this blessing. May we open our hearts and minds to receive this power and let it penetrate our being and our relations. Every Convention is not only an occasion to hear and receive, but also a time, unlike others, to turn ourselves to higher influences and let them raise us to greater heights.

We have also the opportunity to allow the blessings from the Great Ones to fill us, and the whole of Nature to bring teachings of the source of life and love.

May those who are the embodiment of Love immortal bless with their help and guidance this Society, founded to be a channel for their work. May They inspire it with their Wisdom, strengthen it with their Power, and energize it with their Activity.

I am happy to open this 136th Annual Convention of the TS.

When we look into ourselves we wonder about the gradual process of a material body coming to an end. Many people are afraid that this will be the real end. But perhaps we can know by whatever knowledge we have of Theosophy, or of some philosophy, that indeed we have only been concerned with a small part of life. The sojourn in other worlds may make us think, when we come back again to life at the physical level. Some part of what we are thinking, our thoughts of both what has passed and what may come, suffering and pain perhaps, make us realize what needs to be done — to bring a quality of tranquillity and peace in the physical sphere.

Our thoughts may make us a little more

aware, especially now that the human being has more power and knowledge at his disposal. In the beginning he may be entirely self-centred. But he goes on until he discovers that there is a great world of marvel on every side in the natural sphere. To see this and act rightly in the face of the vast world around us, full of beauty, wonder, and the possibility of more opening to greater knowledge, is an incredible happening. How can we live, as we ought to be, aware in greater and greater measure of the beauty of life and the opening of our vision to greater experience? There is so much to think about. The small things of everyday life, although they need to be looked at and dealt with, matter only a little bit. The great thing is

to see an ever larger space, and grow inwardly so that the existence of this physical body is of no importance.

In the *Bhagavadgitā*, Arjuna realizes that Śrī Kṛṣṇa represents the Divine Life. He asks Kṛṣṇa: 'Who is the One without a second who is above all things; deign to tell me without reserve of Thine divine glory.' Then Kṛṣṇa points out how he is seated at the heart of all things and there is no end to his Being. 'Whatsoever is glorious, good, beautiful and mighty, understand thou that to go forth from a fragment of my splendour.'

This means that the qualities mentioned by Śrī Kṛṣṇa exist everywhere in manifestation, both in form and in consciousness. There is increasing perfection and infinite variety in the forms which emanate out of him. Human beings can study and partly know this perfection and something of the Cosmic Order through revelations of Beauty, Intelligence, Love and other divine qualities. HPB calls this 'the spiritual and psychic blending of man with Nature'.

The beautiful, for example, can be seen even in ordinary things, and what a man thinks below his level can be destroyed. So there are numerous people who do not hesitate to turn a part of the earth into material which will promote a large amount of money, or what people think is the equivalent of money. This is one of the important reasons why species after species disappears from existence. They are considered unimportant as living beings and that they deserve this fate. Hundreds of varieties of insects and

other small creatures are put to an end in this way.

But the words of the *Bhagavadgitā* tell us that this kind of attitude is not worthy of being regarded as spiritual. What is spiritual is to see the beautiful everywhere; the good and mighty are all around us, even in things which we may regard as dead. So the ordinary individual may go into a desert, forest or a piece of land which is nearby, and regard it all as useless or needing change. But in fact, what he sees is quite different. Everywhere in the desert and forest upon this earth the splendour and light of the divine shows itself. But we must have the eyes to see.

The eyes do not see except perhaps a little bit now and again. In one of Dickens' novels, there is a crude and unpleasant person who sees no good anywhere, but sometimes he feels an affection for the dog which is attached to him and follows him. This is a metaphor for the little bit of perception that even the 'worthless of human beings' have. Those who are more advanced see not only the wonderful qualities in Nature and in forms but also in consciousness, while the average person sees like the savage seeing a little bit of the loveable in the dog which follows him.

HPB with her extraordinary insight saw the hidden goodness even in characters which appeared crude to others. When she was asked why she met such people she replied that she could not help it. 'The spiritual and psychic blending of man with Nature' exists even in a person of no

character and this could be seen by one who had advanced much above other human beings. It is to this hidden but essential factor that we have to look to know what our own future will be and what the Cosmic Order reveals to those who have begun to see.

This is true as David Bohm found by his study of the universe. He said, in his book, *Wholeness and the Implicate Order*, that Order and Unity are part of implicate order, which constitutes a fundamental reality. Man would be quite a different person if he discovers, or begins to discover, this characteristic, which shows part of itself in all of life. But we are so occupied by our ambitions, worry, and other things which belong to the personal self that we do not realize what actually exists. Only the enlightened people fully comprehend this fact; therefore, the world in which people are destroying everything, changing things according to their likes and dislikes and so on, is not real. Therefore, the world is *māyā*.

Māyā does not refer to what we understand. What we perceive and experience, is not total illusion, but since it converts and gives meaning to everything according to its own likes and dislikes, it is illusion. What we see is not what exists. The *Bhagavadgītā* says: 'Thyself indeed knowest thyself by thyself.' This means that when we have a false understanding of ourselves, everything else we think that we know is also not true. This knowledge is of paramount importance, and sooner or later we have to come to it. This is all meditation: To know that even the smallest

things that exist are resplendent with that element of divinity which makes them equal to the highest, that the lowest of things contain within, the divine element.

Laurence Bendit and his wife, Phoebe, write in one of their books that while looking at a handful of common earth they became aware of a great light shining through what seemed ordinary earth. It is the presence of divine glory and all enlightened people know this.

Arjuna asks how a person knows that immortal existence which lies at the heart of everything, from the earth which may appear dead, to the unlimited life, God. Then Kṛṣṇa says: 'I am the self, seated in the heart of all beings.' The whole of Cosmic Order reveals Beauty, Intelligence and Love. It is left to each one, to cleanse and uplift his nature so that he or she sees this and not the ordinary objects open to the psyche of every man of the world.

So, as Theosophists, part of our work is to become aware of this glorious nature which is omnipresent. How can this be done? We can discuss that; but first of all we must realize, at least intellectually, that in every particle of existence there is the divine element. It makes all the difference for a person to be aware of even a little part of that fact.

The teachings of Theosophy are extremely important for those who wish to understand the nature of life. The quicker their understanding takes place, the faster is the progress made towards a new life. For instance, Reincarnation and Karma are not teachings, they are a necessity which must become embedded in

consciousness. Reincarnation makes one understand little by little; our experiences and circumstances teach us when we want to learn. But they can be quick if we are

in a position to grasp them, or slow. What we are saying is meant to help us to advance quickly and help those who are coming along.

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The Indian Section, as pointed out many times, is the largest. We must therefore consider what is needed in other areas that remain small. The General Secretary of the Indian Section writes that of all living things man is perhaps the most unique, because of his thinking capacity which makes him more free than all living beings on earth. He says: 'It is a strange and ironical phenomenon that most of the problems in the world have been created by man.' So we have to understand whether man is really thinking of the problems facing him and other creatures in the right way. The Indian General Secretary also says: 'Behind the present crisis lies the crisis of moral and spiritual lives and it is only through the affirmation of what is right that we can give meaning to our lives.'

The sense of values is needed for good action to arise from right concepts. In the words of HPB: 'Every mean and selfish action sends us backward and not forward, while every noble thought and every unselfish deed are stepping stones to the higher and more glorious plan of being.' The Indian Section more than any other must concentrate on the regeneration of this country and the world.

Many Indian activities took place which we cannot, in a limited time, describe, but we feel happy that the Section

has been active both at the Headquarters and elsewhere. Adyar Day was observed on 17 February as usual and a good talk was given by Prof. Anjan Chakravarty. The eighty-eighth South Indian Theosophical Conference was also held as usual at Adyar and many members participated. A camp was held for study of *At the Feet of the Master* in October at the Section Headquarters to mark the centenary of its publication. A National Seminar on 'The True Path of Theosophy' was held in Hyderabad and the following points were considered: Why the Society was formed and how does it help humanity in its progression; and the responsibility of the members to themselves and to the world.

The General Secretary, Brother S. Sundaram, visited several places in the vast country and gave talks. He was supported by various people, Messrs N. C. Ramanujachary, C. A. Shinde and P. K. Jayaswal among others. They, of course, spoke in many other places. The Vice-President, Mrs Linda Oliveira, and Bro. Pedro Oliveira were the main guests at many conferences and Federation meetings.

The Section had to surrender a small part of its land to the city of Varanasi to improve the traffic, but while this may be regretted, at the same time it vastly improved the Capital Fund of the Section.

We are told that important matters were discussed at the Headquarters and this was very fruitful.

In Pakistan, the TS is functioning minimally at its Headquarters in Karachi, owing to the political conditions. In Sri Lanka, work goes on at the Headquarters in Colombo and a few other places but conditions have been difficult.

The American Section is still by far the largest after the Indian Section, and increased its membership to 3328. They produced a large number of video as well as audio cassettes for Lodges to make use of. This year, a special video entitled *Milwaukee Memoirs* was produced, as a tribute to Miss Joy Mills who began her career in Milwaukee. She is one of the Section's oldest members.

The Section has development work on its website all the time, while the archivist continues to expand resources to reach a larger number of people. A big project of the Section was the installation of a Security Camera system in the main building and the bookstore. The Section is very happy to receive favourable reports on the Dalai Lama in Chicago, hosted by it.

It may be realized that there are various ways in which to present the work: one of them is to gather everything about a particular area but another is to put all the Sections together in a continent. This time we are going to try the latter. But alas! We do not have the report from Canada to get the American area completely. So, we will pass on to Puerto Rico where the work is continuing in spite of many

difficulties. Much of their Headquarters was occupied until recently by Alice Bailey admirers. We are not against them or anybody else, but obviously they do not belong to our Society. They were merely using it for their own benefit. This was to such an extent in Puerto Rico that it became a problem, but it has been solved. They left and the work is going on 'with confidence and enthusiasm'.

Visits from Nelda Samarel and Juliana Cesano in Dominica were appreciated, and they hope to have them again. It is reported from the Dominican Republic that the Theosophical Society is slowly growing there. They had a public lecture by Juliana Cesano with fifty members. Much help was given by Mrs Magaly Polanco. They are looking for an adequate and secure land where they can have a National Centre.

The Cuban Section also had many difficulties because the Government of the country is in the hands of communists who are anti-religious, but in spite of that in January last, the Convention of the Society took place. The building in Havana seemed to be in danger, like many other buildings, of being taken over by the Government, but that problem has been overcome. In spite of all the difficulties the Section has nearly 600 members.

Brazil has had new life put into it, with an increase in numbers instead of a fall; this year the membership is twenty-three above, the previous one showing a total of 730. The number of Lodges and Groups is fifty. Special attention has been

given to Lodges, Study Groups and unattached members, who have received support for their work. About 1,500 copies of their magazine are brought out.

The Theosophical Summer School was held in January on the theme: 'The Wisdom of the *Bhagavadgītā*'. It had 150 members as participants and Mr and Mrs Oliveira were the main speakers. The regional meetings are also being stimulated with the result that a small number of younger people have joined. The Department of Culture concentrated on planning and coordination, and efforts have been made to render the activities to be known more by the public.

In Costa Rica the report says that there was a small decrease in membership, but there are four Lodges and one Centre of Studies. We can hope for improvement in this country since there were three Lodges earlier and they have been able to increase the total number.

The Lodge in Chile was suspended for a few months after the earthquake, but they could repair the damage caused to the building. They are also concentrating on electronic communication in addition to various other activities. The news from HPB Lodge in Cochabamba is in Spanish. I am unable to understand for the present what is taking place in Bolivia. But probably they are doing all right.

Peru has been trying hard to keep going well. There are twenty-three members; and in spite of difficulties, work goes on seriously. HPB Lodge studied CWL on the inner life and three other books, and their magazine continues to be published.

They are pleased with their victory in the second stage of the court case about the land. In Uruguay, which used to be a Section, there is for the last two years a reduction, but they are carrying on.

The Theosophical Society in West Africa celebrated seventy-five years of work and marked it by a public lecture by Dr Kwadwo Tutu. It is good to know that they want many more such lectures. The total number of members is 243, and plans are afoot to step up activities. *The Theosophist* goes to several libraries and universities. The Ivory Coast is struggling along because of war conditions. But a resumption of activities is taking place and they hope that with peace the work can continue.

East and Central Africa is spread out in four countries and the guest speaker, Miss Mary Anderson, gave talks at all the Lodges. Nairobi Lodge has a rich collection of books of interest. Various types of programmes to attract new people have been tried. In Kitwe, the new Lodge building has been opened. Public lectures were organized in Nairobi and also members' meetings. In Kitwe and Mufulira, work has been carried on in spite of difficulties as there are only five Lodges, but efforts are being made to revive some of the others, so that the Section can continue to be important. The TOS work was carried on and something is done for the different kingdoms.

In South Africa, five Lodges are active. One of the members, having studied Theosophy, has returned to Lubumbashi where he wishes to form a Lodge, for

which he has received help from East Africa and other places.

The Theosophical Society in Ireland is growing steadily and slowly, from 'strength to strength'. During the past year, Belfast Lodge held regular meetings, starting initially with meditation. Phoenix and Coleraine Lodges are going on with regular meetings. In May, North and South Ireland members met together and had a programme.

The English Section had a good Summer School, we are told, and Mr Bhupendra Vora delivered the Blavatsky Lecture. Several well-attended weekends took place in the Section. The main centre of activities is the Headquarters where work goes on throughout the year. A distance learning unit has been started with 134 students, which some of the students found very helpful. A similar course will be run in the next year also. The English Section says it is working hard. Wales has four Lodges and a Centre with a total membership of ninety-five.

One of the problems that must be faced in several places is the belief that correspondence or regular exchanges by post, can replace personal contact, which in my opinion is not true. It is only personal contact which can develop universal brotherhood in reality, not merely on pieces of paper although they may contain fine words.

The European work goes on in various places but the number of members varies very much. In Slovenia, there are four Lodges and sixty members. Schools of Theosophy took place in two venues, but

of course, with a small attendance. The annual meeting was held in Celje, and they have started a website, with the result that some new bookshops have been selling theosophical books.

The Italian Section is by far the largest in Europe. They concentrate on a good fraternal relationship, service and meditation. The General Secretary quotes the words of HPB: 'Search for the Paths. But, O Lanoo, be of clean heart before thou startest on thy journey. Before thou takest thy first step learn to discern the real from the false, the ever fleeting from the everlasting. Learn above all to separate head-learning from Soul-Wisdom, the "eye" from the "Heart" doctrine.' What wonderful words which all of us Theosophists need, to guide us!

The Section has been celebrating the 105th Anniversary of National Unity when HPB's connection with Mazzini and Garibaldi was brought to the fore. It is reported that the financial situation of the Section is 'balanced and positive'. The Italian Section has now the possibility of circulating volumes in English, thanks to an arrangement with TPH, Adyar. The Section worked with France and Switzerland to organize a seminar in Ascona which was attended by more than a hundred members and sympathizers. The General Secretary says that constant touch with Adyar enables it to function better. The TOS in Italy is very active and has helped the general work of the organization a great deal.

The work in Iceland was centred on Krishnaji's statement: 'You are the world

and the world is you.' The Section has changed its name, to which is attributed the influx of new members of whom there were twenty-two. Their newsletter continues to come out three times a year and the magazine *Gangleri* twice a year, going to about 500 subscribers. There were several new publications including *Light on the Path*.

The French Section has public lectures twice a month, in Paris and Marseilles. Seminars were organized at the Headquarters and the annual Convention had as its theme 'Truth is a Pathless Land'.

In Greece, their magazine, *Ilisos*, has been printed regularly and three books were reprinted. A Theosophical study group named *Hermes Trismegistus* has been started in the city of Thessaloniki. The Lodges have been generally doing well. In Croatia, they have had visits from Slovenian members and Miss Mary Anderson. Their magazine has been brought out for the eighth year.

In Germany, they had the theme 'The Journey is the Goal' for the Summer School. There are altogether 111 members. In Belgium, they have eighty-eight members in eight Lodges. The new Headquarters building has been renovated and a house-warming took place with about fifty people present. The Section celebrated its centenary and hopefully the membership will increase.

In the Netherlands, there are 386 members and a close relationship with the International Centre at Naarden. J. J. van der Leeuw's *The Conquest of Illusion* was translated and a paperback version was

presented to all members. The Theosophical Society in Finland is doing well. There are 437 members. Theosophy has been in Finland for more than a hundred years. The Society runs a Centre in Kreivila in the South-West. A book was published, entitled *Truth and Life of Yrjo Kallinen*, a Theosophist who was Defence Minister of the country, and founded three Lodges. This has given some publicity to the Theosophical Society. The Theosophical Society in Sweden also has long-standing members but is not doing so well. Stockholm continues to have study groups, and weekends are organized when possible. There are many problems in Norway. Isis Resende from Brazil visited the Lodges in Bergen and Oslo.

The Presidential representative in Hungary says that the number of members is thirty-nine. Many of the members live in different places in the country but they are carrying on.

The Society has sixty-two members in Ukraine in four Lodges. Seminars have been held in several places, but there is hope that the work will progress.

Singapore Lodge has 366 members but all have not renewed their subscriptions. The principal source of the income for the Lodge is membership subscriptions and also book sales. Meditation courses, study of *The Mahatma Letters* and *The Key to Theosophy* and other lectures took place. Thirty-six members of the Lodge participated in the International Convention.

The report from Abraham Oron, Israel, is full of enthusiasm. Members went out into Nature once every two months for

Study and Meditation. An inter-religious convention was held in May with 140 participants. Four courses of Theosophy were conducted. Three active study groups meet once a month. The magazine *Or (Light)* has been regularly published.

The Australian Section's report has come from the retiring General Secretary at the very end of her term. We therefore do not know how far her suggestions will make headway. The Section's website has been redesigned. There are now 1133 members. The Retreat Centres in Queensland and New South Wales are proceeding well.

The TOS has now many active centres throughout the world. It intends to make a little impact with material towards the work of the world organization, the UN. It has enlarged and improved its initiatives.

The School of the Wisdom proceeded to organize programmes which were appreciated. Dr V. V. Chalam conducted the first one with many occasions for meditation. The second one was three weeks long and dealt with topics of importance. It was led by Prof. C. A. Shinde. The third one was conducted by Mr Ricardo Lindemann from Brazil and dealt with interesting connections between Astrology and Theosophy.

The Olcott Education Society has five units of which the largest is the Olcott Memorial High School which has been regularly improved. The two annual reports of the school and the TS must be

compatible with each other; this has become necessary because the Olcott School is settled in the Society's premises, so also the Social Welfare Centre, the HPB Hostel and the Animal Welfare Centre. It is also proposed to run the Vocational Training Centre in the compound. A beginning has been made by shifting initial work to Damodar Gardens and by having a training programme in electrical and plumbing work.

The Besant Scout Centre helped 1,500 children, by providing camping experience in the compound of the Theosophical Society. An open shelter for multi-purpose use has been added to the camping site.

The last twelve months have brought higher royalty compared to the previous year to the Theosophical Publishing House. It is proposed to increase the subscriptions of the magazine. Three new editions and eleven reprints were brought out during the past year. Manpower constraints affect all our work and make a difference. The Adyar Library and Research Centre suffers from lack of competent scholars and we hope the situation will improve in our favour in the next few years.

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This ends my report and I offer my warm good wishes to everyone present and also to every one of our members.

RADHA BURNIER

THE TREASURER'S REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2011

TREASURER'S REPORT 2010-2011

The salient features of the Income and Expenditure Account of the Society for the year ended 31st March 2011 are as under:

1. Income:

The Income for the year was Rs. 13,500,160/-. The details are as follows:

	Year ended 31.03.2011 Rs.	Year ended 31.03.2010 Rs.
Interest Received	16,959,703	16,907,385
Fees and Dues	3,007,126	2,153,651
Surplus from Theosophical Publishing House	963,542	951,960
General Donations	279,583	283,294
Licence Fees	144,000	139,000
Miscellaneous Receipts	50,164	96,447
	<u>21,404,118</u>	<u>20,531,737</u>
Less: Interest transferred to earmarked funds	<u>7,903,958</u>	<u>7,928,332</u>
	<u>13,500,160</u>	<u>12,603,405</u>

The net interest income received for the year was Rs.9,055,745/-, after transferring a sum of Rs.7,903,958/- to earmarked funds. The gross interest for the year ended 31.03.11 has increased by Rs.52,318/- compared to previous year.

The Fees and Dues received during the year amounted to Rs.3,007,126/-, as against Rs.2,153,651/- in the previous year. The Theosophical Publishing House (TPH) shows a surplus of Rs.963,542/- in the current year, as against Rs. 951,960/- in the previous year. The income from publication has gone down to Rs. 2,979,783/- in the current year, as against Rs. 3,612,315/- in the previous year due to lower exports and non-availability of some titles. The Royalty receipts have increased from Rs. 190,224/- in the previous year to Rs. 667,805/- in the current year due to recovery of pending royalty from Brazil. General Donations received during the year amounted to Rs.279,583/-, as against Rs.283,294/- in the previous year.

2. Expenditure:

The net expenditure of the Society for the year is Rs.17,144,798/-, as against Rs.16,476,153/- in the previous year. The break-up is as follows:

	Year ended 31.03.2011 Rs.	Year ended 31.03.2010 Rs.
Departments	6,986,640	6,622,670
Charitable work	3,426,635	3,129,421
Propagation of Theosophy	1,509,157	1,897,040
International Offices	707,775	717,761
Establishment	3,319,732	2,837,787
Other Expenses	<u>1,194,859</u>	<u>1,271,474</u>
	<u>17,144,798</u>	<u>16,476,153</u>

(a) Departments

The net expenditure of the Departments for the year is Rs.6,986,640/- compared to Rs.6,622,670/- in the previous year. The broad details are as follows:-

Departments	Year ended 31.03.2011 Rs.	Year ended 31.03.2010 Rs.
Bhojanasala and Leadbeater Chambers	-4,474	320,890
Garden	1,374,638	1,185,815
Maintenance	<u>5,616,476</u>	<u>5,115,965</u>
	<u>6,986,640</u>	<u>6,622,670</u>

Bhojanasala and Leadbeater Chambers show a negligible surplus of Rs.4,474/- in the current year as against the deficit of Rs.320,890/- in the previous year. Boarding receipts have increased from Rs. 750,538/- in the previous year to Rs.1,161,650/- in the current year. Lodging receipts have increased from Rs.572,485/- in the previous year to Rs.626,935/- in the current year.

The deficit in the Garden is Rs.1,374,638/- in the current year compared to Rs.1,185,815/- in the previous year, due to increase in the general maintenance expenses. The gross return in the cultivation account shows Rs.169,272/- in the current year compared to negative gross return of Rs.76,150/- in the previous year which is mainly due to good returns on coconuts.

In respect of the Maintenance Department, the net expenditure has increased to Rs.5,616,476/- in the current year compared to Rs.5,115,965/- in the previous year. The following were the major expenses:-

	Year ended 31.03.2011 Rs.	Year ended 31.03.2010 Rs.
Electricity Charges	1,866,904	1,816,338
Maintenance of		
Water Supply Installations	266,621	208,201
Electrical Installation	147,551	196,707
Sanitary Installations	95,756	68,364
Boundaries	73,971	1,908,479
Repairs and Maintenance of Buildings	3,228,997	1,077,214
Other Maintenance costs including		
Depreciation	635,979	554,527
Office Salaries and Other Expenses	748,548	739,807
	7,064,327	6,569,637
Less: Recoveries	1,447,851	1,453,672
Net Deficit	5,616,476	5,115,965

Repairs and maintenance of buildings, electricity charges, maintenance of electrical and water supply installations constitute a significant part of the overall expenses of the Maintenance Department, besides other maintenance expenses and office expenses. Maintenance of boundary walls was less in the current year compared to previous year as major work on boundaries were taken up in the previous year. Renovation and repair work of Leadbeater Chambers, Garden Dept office, Olcott Bungalow, painting of shrines & water proofing of some buildings was done during the year.

Many buildings are old and need renovation in the coming years like River Bungalow, etc.. The cost of building materials is very high and increasing day by day. Labour has also become scarce and very expensive. Therefore, significant increase in the maintenance department expenditure is anticipated in the coming years.

(b) Charitable Work

The amount spent on charitable work for the year was Rs.3,426,635/-, as against Rs.3,129,421/- in the previous year. The charitable expenses include the amount spent on education, animal welfare, hostel, social welfare and medical aid.

(c) Propagation of Theosophy

The expenditure on Propagation of Theosophy for the year was as follows:

	Year ended 31.03.2011 Rs.	Year ended 31.03.2010 Rs.
Adyar Library and Research Centre (Net)	604,805	594,300
<i>The Theosophist</i> and <i>Adyar Newsletter</i> ..	169,387	62,561
Vasanta Press ..	-275,520	463,369
School of the Wisdom (Gross)	72,871	59,752
Book Gifts ..	52,534	98,128
Convention and Seminars ..	883,283	528,664
Others	1,797	90,266
	1,509,157	1,897,040

In the case of the Adyar Library, the net deficit is Rs.604,805/- in the current year as against Rs.594,300/- in the previous year. *The Theosophist and Adyar Newsletter* show a deficit of Rs.169,387/- in the current year, as compared to Rs. 62,561/- the previous year. The deficit has increased as the subscription income has reduced. Vasanta Press shows a surplus of Rs. 275,520/- in the current year as against deficit of Rs. 463,369/- in the previous year. The surplus is due to increase in printing receipts by Rs.587, 069/-. The expenditure of the School of the Wisdom is Rs.72,871/- in the current year compared to Rs. 59,752/- in the previous year. An amount of Rs.52,534/- was utilized for book gifts as compared to Rs.98,128/- in the previous year.

(d) Other Costs:

The total cost of Establishment and International Offices was Rs.4,027,507/-, as against Rs.3,555,548/- in the previous year.

3. Net Surplus:

There is a surplus of Rs.506,518/- after transferring Rs. 1,000,000/- to Adyar Besant Commemorative Endowment Fund in the current year, as compared to a surplus of Rs. 497,390/- in the previous year.

4. Capital Expenditure:

The total amount spent on capital account was Rs.176,712/- and relates to computers, printer, refrigerator, grinders, pumps etc.

5. Overall Position:

The overall financial position of the Society continues to be satisfactory. During the year the Adyar Besant Commemorative Endowment Fund, which is the Society's main endowment fund rose from Rs.59,230,850/- to Rs. 66,442,766/- and Other Funds from Rs.117,550,371/- to Rs. 122,132,795/-.

Although the overall financial position seems to be satisfactory, viewed against ever increasing finance requirement for repairing/renovating number of old buildings, compound wall and providing somewhat reasonable remuneration to the employees, liberal donations from members and sympathizers are sought.

6. Acknowledgement:

On behalf of the Society, I take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for the continued support of members throughout the world.

FEES AND DUES RECEIVED **From 1st April 2010 to 31st March 2011 (in Rupees)**

Name of Section etc.		2010-2011	2009-2010
The Theosophical Society in:	Africa, South	10128	17190
	Argentina	274964	—
	Australia	163558	161837
	Belgium	29894	—
	Bolivia	20041	20002
	Brazil	1113765	—
	Canada	35420	—
	Costa Rica	—	15800
	Dominican Republic	—	8584
	Denmark	4246	—
	England	—	200592
	Finland	84974	118948
	France	64813	—
	Germany	41490	83937
	Iceland	—	13235
	India	89733	81234
	Ireland	16894	—
	Italy	—	303740
	Kenya	—	1688
	Mexico	—	22762
	New Zealand	49941	—
	Norway	6292	6683
	Peru	6045	7754
	Puerto Rico	16263	16410
	Slovenia	12969	13677
	Spain	90630	91972
	Sweden	—	45243
	Switzerland	28630	24881
	Sri Lanka	1200	—

USA	404452	501277
Uruguay	11147	10787
Wales	—	9016
Greece	15128	—
Russia	7901	—
Chille	—	46941
Netherlands	176442	238133
EL Salvador	—	592
Malaysia	890	—
Ukraine	503	—
Hungary	29911	—
Central America	2140	—
United Kingdom	6230	—
Serbia	1100	—
Lodges attached to Adyar:		
Israel	38150	34627
Japan	22249	38781
Croatia	8428	8144
Ukraine	45313	—
Fellows-at-large	75252	9184

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THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,
BALANCE SHEET AS

As at 31-3-2010	LIABILITIES	Schedule No.	As at 31-3-2011	
Rs.			Rs.	Rs.
	General Fund:			
43,321,226	Balance as per last Balance Sheet		43,818,616	
			43,818,616	
43,321,226				
497,390	Surplus for the year		506,518	
43,818,616				44,325,134
59,230,850	Adyar Besant Commemorative Endowment Fund			66,442,766
117,550,371	Other Funds	6		122,132,795
9,757,359	Current Liabilities and Provisions	7		9,635,292
1,118,000	Legacy Deposits			1,243,000
231,475,196				243,778,987

This is the Balance Sheet referred to in our report.

For SRIHARI & CO.,
Chartered Accountants

CHENNAI
Date: 24 Aug 2011

E. S. NEELAKANTAN
Partner

AT 31ST MARCH 2011

As at 31-3-2010	ASSETS	Schedule No.	As at 31-3-2011	
Rs.			Rs.	Rs.
13,795,359	Fixed Assets	1		13,062,009
	Investments: (At cost)	2		
201,740,314	In Scheduled Banks and Financial Institutions			215,944,786
	Current Assets, Loans and Advances:			
7,236,145	Stocks	3	7,670,895	
1,886,015	Sundry Debtors		994,825	
4,765,945	Cash and Bank Balances	4	5,027,199	
2,051,418	Loans and Advances	5	1,079,273	
15,939,523				14,772,192
231,475,196				243,778,987

Schedule Numbers 1 to 7 and Notes on Accounts
form part of the Balance Sheet.

For and on behalf of the Executive Committee of
THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

K.S. DASTUR
Hon. Treasurer

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Year ended 31-3-2010	EXPENDITURE	Year ended 31-3-2011	
		Rs.	Rs.
	Departments: (Net Expenditure)		
320,890	Bhojanasala & Leadbeater Chambers	-4,474	
1,185,815	Garden	1,374,638	
5,115,965	Maintenance	5,616,476	
6,622,670			6,986,640
	Charitable Work:		
778,119	Animal Welfare	1,210,545	
1,440,000	Education	1,522,000	
39,528	Welfare Grants	44,104	
161,417	Free Dispensary and Medical Aid	181,880	
93,700	School Fees and Books	98,300	
243,057	Social Welfare Work	151,206	
270,000	HPB Hostel	115,000	
100,000	Theosophical order of service	100,000	
3,600	Others	3,600	
3,129,421			3,426,635
	Propagation of Theosophy:		
594,300	Adyar Library and Research Centre (Net)	604,805	
62,561	<i>The Theosophist</i> and <i>Adyar Newsletter</i> "	169,387	
1,707	Information and Public Relations "	139	
76,249	Archives and Museum "	363	
12,310	Theosophy-Science Centre "	1,295	
463,369	Vasanta Press	-275,520	
1,210,496		500,469	
59,752	School of the Wisdom (Gross)	72,871	
98,128	Book Gift "	52,534	
528,664	Convention & Seminars "	883,283	
686,544		1,008,688	
1,897,040			1,509,157
	International Offices:		
47,874	President and Vice-President	46,047	
361,453	Treasurer	365,052	
308,434	Secretary	296,676	
717,761			707,775
	Establishment:		
217,279	Headquarters	237,426	
91,648	General Manager's Office	110,288	
420,673	Housekeeping	427,180	
335,811	Sanitation	395,261	
1,772,376	Security	2,149,577	
2,837,787			3,319,732
15,204,679	c / f		15,949,939

Year ended 31-3-2010	INCOME	Year ended 31-3-2011	
Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
	Propagation of Theosophy: (Net Income)		
951,960	The Theosophical Publishing House		963,542
283,294	General Donations		279,583
16,907,385	Interest Received	16,959,703	
7,928,332	Less: Transferred to Various Funds	7,903,958	
8,979,053		9,055,745	9,055,745
2,153,651	Fees and Dues		3,007,126
139,000	License Fees		144,000
96,447	Miscellaneous Receipts		50,164
12,603,405	c / f		13,500,160

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Year ended 31-3-2010	EXPENDITURE - <i>Contd</i>	Year ended 31-3-2011	
Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
15,204,679	b/f		15,949,939
	Other Expenses:		
18,811	Insurance	7,062	
42,000	Legal and Court Expenses		
124,749	Audit Fees	96,440	
187,966	Rates and Taxes	189,636	
1,895	Bank Charges	1,804	
717,241	Depreciation	644,723	
35,909	Motor Car Expenses	35,695	
73,094	Miscellaneous	72,870	
69,809	Provision for Gratuity	146,629	
1,271,474			1,194,859
16,476,153			17,144,798
	Less : Transfer from other Funds		
20,925	Adyar Estate Improvement Fund	48,912	
52,000	Security	52,000	
345,141	Garden	338,000	
	Charitable Work:		
778,119	Animal Welfare	1,210,545	
1,440,000	Education	1,522,000	
148,101	Social Welfare Work	151,206	
205,008	HPB Hostel	115,000	
100,000	Theosophical Order of Service	100,000	
	Propagation of Theosophy:		
594,300	Adyar Library and Research Centre	604,805	
59,752	School of the Wisdom	72,871	
98,128	Book Gift	52,534	
528,664	Convention & Seminars	883,283	
4,370,138			5,151,156
12,106,015			11,993,642
	Transferred to Adyar Besant Commemorative Endowment Fund.		1,000,000
—			12,993,642
497,390	Surplus transferred to General Fund		506,518
12,603,405			13,500,160

This is the Income and Expenditure Account referred to in our report of even date.

For **SRIHARI & CO.,**
Chartered Accountants

CHENNAI
Date: 24 Aug 2011

E. S. NEELAKANTAN
Partner

Year ended 31-3-2010	INCOME - <i>Contd.</i>	Year ended 31-3-2011
Rs. 12,603,405	b/f	Rs. 13,500,160
12,603,405		13,500,160

Notes on Accounts form part of these Accounts.

For and on behalf of the Executive Committee of
THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

K.S. DASTUR
Hon. Treasurer

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31-3-2013

(Rupees in Thousands)

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	Budget 10-11	Actuals 10-11	Budget 12-13		Budget 10-11	Actuals 10-11	Budget 12-13
Departments (Net Expenditure)				Propagation of Theosophy			
Bhojanasala & Leadbeater Chambers	493	-4	191	Theosophical Publishing House	1,160	963	716
Garden	1,024	1,375	1,725	General Donations	300	280	300
Maintenance	6,426	5,616	7,545	Interest (Net)	8,500	9,056	11,500
Utilization from Other Funds	-800	-387	-800	Membership Fees and Dues	2,000	3,007	2,500
Charitable Work				Licence Fees	144	144	144
Animal Welfare	700	1,211	1,500	Miscellaneous Receipts	100	50	100
Education	2,000	1,522	2,000	Net Deficit	685	-	417
Welfare Grants	30	44	50				
Free Dispensary & Medical Aid	200	182	250				
School Fees and Books	120	98	150				
Social Welfare Work	220	151	250				
HPB Hostel	200	115	200				
TOS	100	100	100				
Others	10	4	10				
Utilization from Other Funds	-3,120	-3,099	-3,950				
Propagation of Theosophy							
Adyar Library and Research Centre	954	605	789				
<i>The Theosophist</i> and <i>Adyar Newsletter</i>	147	169	166				
Vasanta Press	102	-276	12				
Information and Public Relations	10	0	5				
Archives and Museum	100	0	10				
Theosophy-Science Centre	10	1	10				
School of the Wisdom	150	73	100				
Book Gift	300	53	100				
Convention & Seminars	-	883	-				
Workers' Training Camp	20	-	-				
Utilization from Other Funds	-1,900	-1,613	-989				
International Offices							
President and Vice-President	70	46	70				
Treasurer	400	365	400				
Secretary	250	297	400				
Establishment							
Headquarters	240	237	260				
General Manager's Office	140	110	150				
Housekeeping	430	427	500				
Sanitation	350	395	450				
Security	2,000	2,150	2,500				
Utilization from Other Funds	-52	-52	-52				
Other Expenses							
Insurance Premiums	10	7	10				
Legal Expenses	50	0	50				
Audit Fees	150	96	150				
Rates and Taxes	200	190	250				
Bank Charges	5	2	5				
Depreciation	800	645	800				
Motor Car Maintenance	100	36	60				
Miscellaneous	100	73	100				
Provision for Gratuity	150	147	150				
Transferred to Adyar Besant commemorative Endowment Fund	-	1,000	-				
Excess of Income over Expenditure	-	506	-				
	12,889	13,500	15,677		12,889	13,500	15,677

OFFICERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS

Executive Committee

1. Mr. K. S. Narayanaiah
2. Mr. K. S. Narayanaiah
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HEADQUARTERS

ADYAR, CHENNAI 600 020

INDIA

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| General Manager | Mr. K. S. Narayanaiah |
| Librarian | Mr. K. S. Narayanaiah |
| Secretary | Mr. K. S. Narayanaiah |
| Editor | Mr. K. S. Narayanaiah |
| Accounting | Mr. K. S. Narayanaiah |
| Information | Mr. K. S. Narayanaiah |
| Executive Committee | Mr. K. S. Narayanaiah |
| Maintenance | Mr. K. S. Narayanaiah |
| Medical Service | Mr. K. S. Narayanaiah |
| Research and Archives | Mr. K. S. Narayanaiah |
| Education | Mr. K. S. Narayanaiah |
| School of the Widows | Mr. K. S. Narayanaiah |
| Library | Mr. K. S. Narayanaiah |
| Publication of the Society | Mr. K. S. Narayanaiah |
| Publicity | Mr. K. S. Narayanaiah |

OSCEOT EDUCATION SOCIETY

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| President | Mr. K. S. Narayanaiah |
| Vice-President | Mr. K. S. Narayanaiah |
| Secretary | Mr. K. S. Narayanaiah |
| Treasurer | Mr. K. S. Narayanaiah |
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HEADQUARTERS

OFFICERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS FOR 2011

Executive Committee:

1.	Mrs Radha Burnier	<i>President</i>
2.	Mrs Linda Oliveira	<i>Vice-President</i>
3.	Mrs Kusum Satapathy	<i>Secretary</i>
4.	Miss Keshwar Dastur	<i>Treasurer</i>
5.	Mr D. K. Govindaraj	<i>General Council Member</i>
6.	Mr Surendra Narayan	<i>General Council Member</i>
7.	Mr Hrishikesh Sharan	<i>General Council Member</i>
8.	Mr Sriram Panchu	<i>General Council Member</i>
9.	Mr S. Harihara Raghavan	<i>Member</i>
10.	Prof. C. A. Shinde	<i>Member</i>

General Manager

Adyar Library

Director
Librarian

Mr S. Harihara Raghavan
Dr K. N. Neelakantan Elayath
Prof. C. A. Shinde

Bhojanasala

Garden

Housekeeping

Information

Leadbeater Chambers

Maintenance

Superintendent

Medical Service

Museum and Archives

Sanitation

School of the Wisdom

Director

Security

Theosophical Publishing House

Vasanta Press

Dr S. D. Inbaraj

Mr T. S. Swaminathan
Prof. R. C. Tampi
Mr J. Suresh
Mr S. Ramu
Mr S. Harihara Raghavan

OLCOTT EDUCATION SOCIETY

	<i>Chairman</i>	President, TS
	<i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Miss Keshwar Dastur
	<i>Secretary</i>	Dr Chittaranjan Satapathy
	<i>Treasurer</i>	Mr T. S. Jambunathan
Olcott Memorial School	<i>Headmistress</i>	Ms C. Mary
HPB Hostel		Mrs Vijaya Ravindran
Social Welfare Centre		Mrs R. Mythili
Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary		Dr P. D. Jagannathan

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS 2011

National Societies and Sections	25	Number of		
		Lodges Centres Members		
Regional Associations	12			
Presidential Agencies	11			
Lodges Attached to Adyar	10			
Total Lodges	936			
Total Centres	177			
Total Membership 2010	28,114			
Total Membership 2011	26,606			

Section/Area	Number of		
	Lodges Centres Members		
1. Africa, East and Central	5	0	168
2. Africa, South	5	2	272
3. Africa, West	11	6	243
4. America, Central	2	1	33
5. Argentina (and Paraguay)	19	8	338
6. Asia, South-East	7	1	166
7. Australia	11		1,133
8. Austria	3	0	54
9. Belgium	8	0	88
10. Bolivia	9	3	110
11. Brazil	33	17	730
12. Canada	4	7	171
13. Chile	3	0	30
14. Colombia	7	3	65
15. Costa Rica	4	1	54
16. Cuba	12	0	596
17. Dominican Rep.	2	2	45
18. England	34	6	1,074
19. Finland	25	2	437
20. France	21	2	375
21. Germany	7	1	111
22. Greece	11	2	229
23. Hungary	3	0	39
24. Iceland	9	0	407
25. India	454	0	12,147
26. Indonesia	15	2	244
27. Ireland	2	1	59
28. Italy	36	15	1,043

Section/Area	Number of		
	Lodges Centres Members		
29. Ivory Coast	3	0	22
30. Mexico	12	0	154
31. Netherlands	10	9	386
32. New Zealand	12	5	813
33. Norway	3	0	16
34. Pakistan			
35. Peru	2	0	23
36. Philippines	20	12	332
37. Portugal	11	0	193
38. Puerto Rico	3	1	38
39. Scotland	3	0	145
40. Slovenia	4	0	60
41. Spain	12	5	321
42. Sri Lanka	3	3	182
43. Sweden	7	0	147
44. Switzerland	5	0	42
45. Togo	3	0	36
46. USA	40	59	3,349
47. Uruguay	5	0	54
48. Venezuela	2	0	15
49. Wales	4	1	95
Total	926	177	25841

Lodges/Members Attached to Adyar	Number of		
	Lodges Centres Members		
1. El Sol Lodge, Ecuador	1	0	12
2. Covenant Lodge, Israel	1	0	85
3. Nippon Lodge, Japan	1	0	53
4. Singapore Lodge	1	0	379
5. Ankh Lodge, Kiev, Ukraine	1	0	16
6. Aletheia Lodge, Yalta, Ukraine	1	0	9
7. Pearl Necklace,	1	0	12
8. H. P. Blavatsky,	1	0	15
9. Lotus Lodge, Croatia	1	0	25
10. Sofia Lodge, Russia	1	0	19
11. Orlando Lodge, USA	1	0	12
12. Fellows-at-Large			128
Total			765

THE THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE

The twelve month period from April 2010 to March 2011 turned out to be the successive sixth year of robust overall financial performance for the Publishing House; primarily due to higher royalty collections, 3.5 times higher compared to the previous year. Sales declined by 16%, due mainly to non-availability of many titles, lower export sales, and lower sales in the Bookshop.

Subscriptions to journals remained static. This has resulted in a deficit for *The Theosophist* and the *Adyar Newsletter*. Five year subscriptions for overseas have also not provided earnings. An increase in the Theosophist Endowment Fund by the TS and therefore in the interest thereon, could be an additional means to

reduce the deficit in view of the low number of subscribers.

For the period October 2010 to September 2011, three new editions and eleven reprints were brought out despite manpower constraints. The work of the editorial office is being managed by partly outsourcing typesetting. Many titles are pending processing and stuck at various stages and our list of out-of-print titles is growing, resulting in part fulfilment of orders. Manpower constraints continue to affect operations. The online bookstore www.adyarbooks.com, which went 'live' during the year 2009, is generating a modest number of orders regularly.

Mr S. Ramu

General Manager

THE ADYAR LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTRE

The Centre is functioning efficiently under the able guidance of the International President of the Theosophical Society, Smt. Dr Radha Burnier. Dr K. N. Neelakantan Elayath, the noted Sanskrit scholar and indologist, is the Director of this Centre. Ms T. M. Ramani is also doing yeoman service to the research section. The Library is functioning efficiently under the Librarian Professor C. A. Shinde, and Deputy Librarian Smt. Gnanambal Laxman. Nora Simon from Norway is assisting its work since October 2011. The Library has at present nearly 200 volumes of Sanskrit texts, translations and studies published by it.

Works Taken for 2011 (125th year of Adyar Library):

1. Collected papers of K. K. Raja compiled by Ms T. M. Ramani
2. Combined *Adyar Library Bulletin*, volume 74-75
3. *Descriptive Catalogue of MSS. on Astronomy and Mathematics* by K. V. Sarma
4. Studies in Indology of Director K. N. Neelakantan
5. Critical Edition of Sutrārtha Bodhini: A Commentary on Yoga by Ms T. M. Ramani
6. Gangeśa's Philosophy of God by Dr John Vattanky, S.J.

7. Preservation of Books and Manuscripts.

Recent Publications:

1. Adyar Library Bulletin Volume 72-73 for 2008-09.

2. The Number of Rasa-s

3. The Philosophy of Visistādvaita

4. Vedic Vāc and Greek Logos as Creative Power: A Critical Study by N. Kazanas.

Recent Reprints:

1. *Studies on Some Concepts of Alamkara Sastra* by V. Raghavan

2. *Pratyabhijñāhrdayam* translated by Kurt F. Leidecker

Acquisition and Cataloguing:

During the year under report 196 books were purchased and 1593 books were accessed, 1463 books were catalogued and added to the Library collections.

Our thanks for 1362 books received from various sources as gifts. Most of the books are from President's Office, TPH, Secretary's Office and TPH Wheaton.

Service Rendered:

During the year under report, a total of 43990 frames were taken, out of which 230 were Palmleaves Mss, 388 Paper

Mss, 2405 Transcripts, 507 rare books, 719 frames and other 6381 frames of books for Adyar Library.

During the year under report 1500 Readers and 600 Borrowers used the Library and consulted 8000 books and borrowed 600 books; 40 rare books, 30 MSS. were consulted.

Conservation and Preservation:

There is dearth of lamination films and hence lamination work is lagging behind, but 100 books were repaired and bound and 27 books were photocopied. Repaired also were wrappers of 200 books.

Computer Section:

4,000 cards were catalogued, 2000 cards were checked.

Scholars:

4 Scholars from various universities used the Library out of which two scholars were from the University of Madras and others were from other countries.

Visitors:

Many visitors came to the Library during the year.

Prof. C. A. Shinde
Librarian

THE SCHOOL OF THE WISDOM

The School of the Wisdom conducted four courses in 2011, the first of which was directed by Dr Ravi Ravindra from 5 January to 9 February. The theme was 'Inquiry into the nature of the Self in the Upanishads.' The second course was held from 1 to 11 November. The Director was Prof. V. V. Chalam. The course was on 'Meditation and its Practice'. Prof. C. A.

Shinde directed a course on 'The Path of the Aspirant' from 14 November to 2 December. Mr Ricardo Lindemann was the Director of the course on 'Astrology and the Wisdom Tradition' from 5 to 16 December.

Prof. R. C. Tampi
Director

ARCHIVES AND MUSEUM

(No report)

OLCOTT EDUCATION SOCIETY

The OES continued to function under the Chairmanship of the TS President, Mrs Radha Burnier. All the five units of the OES were active during the year.

Olcott Memorial High School

The school provides free education and has around 485 students; 215 girls and 270 boys. New students, 38 in number were admitted to the 1st standard and 22 others took admission in higher classes this year. The students were provided free textbooks, breakfast of kanji, protein supplement with the noon meal, two sets of uniforms for each child, stationery and notebooks. Health check-ups were done and workshops on personal hygiene and cleanliness, healthy food and eating habits were organized. Guidance and counseling continued, many children and parents were able to get advice and support in dealing with problems both academic and emotional. Several teaching aids were prepared by the teachers and used. Extra classes for children needing additional academic support were regularly conducted. One of the city Eye Hospitals which did a free eye check up for students found our children with better eyesight than in other schools and attributed the same to the nutrition programme. Computer literacy has improved amongst members of the staff. Communication in

English was another area of focus. The talks on theosophical tenets given by Mr Harihara Raghavan have been of special value to the students and teachers. The 10th Standard (SSLC) Board result this year has been an all time high of 98.2%. Sports was given due importance and children enjoyed the regular hours on the games field. Craft education was continued.

Social Welfare Centre

This year the centre took care of 92 children who were provided with nutritious food, milk and fruits. The children were taught colouring, numbers, alphabets, rhymes, songs and dance. The children were also taken for visits to parks and zoos outside. Dr R. Revathy visited the centre regularly for health check-ups and also provided guidance to parents on health care for the children.

Vocational Training Centre

During the year, 22 women students were taught weaving and tailoring. The course covered designing, preparing patterns, layout and estimate of the cloth requirement, cutting of fabrics for children and ladies dresses and 40 kinds of embroidery stitches. Certificates were given to the successful candidates. The centre prepared towels, napkins, jute carpets, cotton carpets, meditation mats,

variety of ladies handbags, travelling bags, and purses which were displayed during the convention. During August 2011, a new beginning has been made by conducting a short vocational training course in electrical and plumbing trades with the help of Mr Ram Kumar, Maintenance Superintendent, and his staff. Eight former students of the Olcott Memorial High School underwent the course which provided them with the basic skills to take up apprenticeship in these trades leading to job opportunities.

HPB Hostel

This year the hostel accommodated nineteen boys from different schools, including eleven from Olcott Memorial High School. The boys follow a daily routine that includes morning and evening prayers, meditation and completion of school homework. Nutritious food is provided and periodical medical check-ups are done for the boys. During the

holidays, plastic removal campaign is undertaken inside the campus to create awareness of a pollution free environment.

Animal Welfare Centre

During the year, 11,380 animals were treated for various diseases, infection, and different types of fractures. In the outreach programme, and 100 cows were treated within the city. In the animal bitch control programme, 97 dogs and 25 cats were treated. The centre created awareness among common pet owners, and vaccinated 1041 animals for distemper, 250 animals for carona, 63 animals for cat flu, and 948 animals for rabies. The centre was able to distribute 13 puppies, several abandoned animals and 2 pedigree pups. Animals were fed three times a day. The centre also trained animal handlers.

Dr Chittaranjan Satapathy

Secretary, Olcott Education Society

THE BESANT SCOUT CAMPING CENTRE

Thirty three institutions and scout groups, with around 1500 participants, used the Besant Scout Camping Centre for their camping activities during the year. An open shelter for multi-purpose use and

bases for tent pitching have been added to the existing infrastructure for the benefit of the camping children.

Mr A. Victor Frank

For the Besant Scouting Centre

THE THEOSOPHICAL ORDER OF SERVICE

Last year TOS groups responded widely to the TS in America's kind offer to channel donations to help the TS in Chile to repair its building in Santiago after the earthquake of February 2010. The members in Chile have covered a

significant part of the restoration expenses themselves, which is a fine achievement. They have been touched and encouraged by the concern of their fellow Theosophists around the world. The TOS's largest collaborative effort this year has been in

emergency relief to the Horn of Africa. The TOS in Kenya identified a starving population in the town of Kitui, 130 km east of Nairobi, and 55 families are being fed for six months, with help from the Nairobi TOS team, and from TOS and TS members in several countries.

The TOS United Nations Committee chaired by Lorraine Christensen of Canada has produced its first brochure inviting Theosophists to engage in activities in support of UN aspirations in the realm of world peace, unity and the relief of suffering. The TOS thanks Pedro Oliveira and Ananya Rajan in particular for their help in researching the TS's extensive history of support for the UN and for its predecessor, the League of Nations. Spanish language co-ordinator, Fernando Pérez Martin, has produced several more issues of an electronic newsletter presenting ideas to our many Hispanic members for supporting the work of the UN. Twenty-three issues have appeared since December 2008.

A Spanish edition of Nelda Samarel's booklet, *Helping the Dying*, has been published by the TOS in the Philippines and has been widely distributed. A Portuguese translation is also in progress. The Kern Foundation, under its Advising Trustee, John Kern, has once again provided a matching grant to support the Golden Link College in the Philippines. We are grateful to the Foundation and to John, and also to the TOS in America for processing donations to meet the grant target each year. The college continues to attract considerable interest among

Theosophists because of its attempts to integrate theosophical ideas and inner transformation work into the daily life of the students. An article outlining the theosophical content and practice in the curricula from kindergarten to tertiary level is now available at <http://international.theoservice.org/articles.html>. TOS members in Australia, Singapore and New Zealand in particular, have sent thousands of books to the Philippines this year. A great deal of humanitarian service work goes on at our international TS headquarters in Adyar, Chennai, India. This year we have run a series of photographic reports by George and Gailene Wester of Australia on three of the four activities operating under its umbrella.

The TOS in India touches tens of thousands of lives each year. An animal welfare programme in Assam, the 'Seeing Eyes for Everyone' project in Chennai, Delhi Region's free dental service and vocational training centres for rural women, Bihar's work lodging the blind, the 500 educational sponsorships organised by Mumbai Region, the thalassemic children project of Bhubaneswar and village welfare initiatives in Karnataka and Gujarat are notable.

The TOS members in Australia raised funds for activities in their local communities such as tutoring refugees in English, knitting knee rugs for nursing homes, supporting a refuge for homeless women, working in 'soup kitchens' for the homeless, putting together packs of clothes and toys for babies and children going into care, helping in animal shelters,

collecting for relief appeals and volunteering in aged-care centres and cancer support groups. Through conducting seminars, talks and petitions they raised awareness about social and animal welfare issues. The TOS in Australia also reaches out to support TOS groups and projects overseas.

Fareeda and Aman Amir continue to do outstanding work in keeping the TOS's work in Pakistan going at a time when, for security reasons, the TS has had to suspend almost all its activities. In fact the TOS's extensive service in the community has helped protect the TS's interests. The education sponsorship programme, the literacy home schools and the Jamshed Montessori School are functioning well, thanks to the courage of the teachers and administrative staff.

Formed last year in Hungary, the youngest TOS group has already acquired official registration as a non-profit service organisation. The group's first major undertaking has been to 'adopt' a flood-affected town in the north. While its first gesture has been to offer emergency relief, its long term goal is to help the villagers build their own active self-help community. An interesting facet of the TOS's work is the self-training its members engage in to develop the skills needed for service work. For every four or five newcomers, a special orientation programme is planned in which the whole group participates. The members wish to ensure that their service work is thoroughly grounded in what they refer to as 'theosophical spirituality'.

The TOS International Secretary

attended the Summer School of the TS in England in August and gave a power point presentation on the work of the TOS around the world. She was happy to see the TOS team in England operating in its own gentle and harmonious way. The new convenor of the TOS in Nairobi, Kenya, Usha Shah, has initiated three projects this year in addition to spearheading famine relief work already mentioned: the distribution of teddy bears knitted by TOS members in Italy for children affected by tragedy, a tree-planting project with primary school children, and the teaching of skills enabling needy women to increase their family income. Rosella Milani Fanzio has started out her role as new director of the TOS in Italy by launching a 'one euro for our Pakistan home schools' appeal to which members were invited to donate when they renewed their TS membership dues this year. This simple idea was remarkably successful: the members responded in a characteristically generous fashion. The new coordinator of the TOS in Brazil, Andréa Dias de Mendonca Resende, and her team give everyone at the TS's Summer School in January and at its National Meeting mid-year an opportunity to contribute to the activity in some way: helping to set up and run a sale table, making, donating or buying sale items, identifying suitable local beneficiaries for the money raised, and buying and personally delivering the donated articles.

Diana Dunningham Chapotin
International Secretary, TOS

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(Where necessary, reports have been translated, edited or condensed)

NATIONAL SOCIETIES AND SECTIONS

AFRICA, EAST AND CENTRAL

The highlight of the year was the 45th Convention of the Section, hosted by Kitwe Lodge of Zambia Region with Guest Speaker Ms Mary Anderson. The new Kitwe Lodge premises with a beautiful hall was formally opened on 22 April, 2011. The Nairobi and Dar-es-Salaam Lodges are active in TOS activities and celebrated important Theosophical Days: Adyar Day, White Lotus Day, Buddha Purnima, Dr Annie Besant's Birthday and the International Foundation Day. In 2011, Nairobi Lodge issued three quarterly programmes and two newsletters.

Nairobi Lodge programmes were conducted in English and Gujarati and the topics included 'Theosophy Explained' by P. Pavri in English and *At the Feet of the Master* in Gujarati. Public lectures were given by Ms Mary Anderson on 'Man, Whence & Whither', 'Stages of Life', 'The Search for Values' and 'Death & After'. She also conducted a Seminar and Study class on 'Life' and 'Theosophy' and gave a talk on 'H. P. Blavatsky — A Unique Human Being' on White Lotus Day. There were a total of nineteen full talks by members on topics such as 'Life of Annie Besant', 'The Healing Power of Mudras' and 'Teachings of Krishnamurti', and twelve short talks on different subjects.

Other activities conducted were Question and Answer sessions, Devotional Songs of different faiths, Bharat Samaj Puja, video on The Inner Journey, Kavita of Kalapi (Poetical Session), etc.

Nile Lodges in Uganda continued to hold bi-monthly meetings where members studied and discussed topical issues. Ms. Mary Anderson gave public lectures on topics including 'Theosophy for meaning of Living' and 'Awareness'. Dar-es-Salaam Lodge conducted in depth study of Theosophical Literature, and Kitwe Lodge held about fifty-two study meetings during the year. There are now five Lodges in the Section. Kilimanjaro Lodge and Nakuru Lodge are no longer operating.

The Lodges are active in TOS activities. In 2009, the TOS provided various donations, sponsorships and aides in all the countries, and continues to sponsor children's education and social welfare projects, water projects by installing two water Tanks for a Primary School, as well as the project of feeding twenty-two families in Kitui areas in Kenya. Dar-es-Salaam Lodge contributed to the needy and orphans as well as participated in the 'World Care Way' Project.

Mr Navin B. Shah
General Secretary

AFRICA, SOUTH

Theosophy continues to be actively promoted in five major Centres with regular public meetings, study groups and other activities such as Meditation, Yoga and Tai Chi. Specific TOS work is being carried out with training of dogs for the blind, bringing school books to disadvantaged children's schools in Swaziland and providing clothing to the poor in rural areas of South Africa. All the Lodges conducted regular study meetings and weekly activities. The publication of the 'South African Theosophist' was delayed due to serious

illnesses, and a combined 2010-11 issue will be forthcoming. The website is being regularly updated and is a source for enquiries and membership. The General Secretary has been visiting and lecturing in the Lodges, and was also able to attend the International Convention in 2010, in addition to being a guest speaker at the Belgian Section's Centenary Convention. A TS Study group is being planned in the Democratic Republic of Congo by one of the Pretoria Lodge members.

Mr T. G. Davis
General Secretary

AFRICA, WEST

The Society in West Africa finished 75 years on 17 November, 2010 and the day was marked with a public lecture on 'Theosophy and Nation Building' by Dr Kwadwo Tutu. The attendance was very encouraging and there were requests for more such lectures. A special convention was held on 20 November at the Headquarters in Accra. There were three new enrolments. Total number of members in the year is now 243. The Headquarters

building is now in good shape after extensive work. The Blavatsky Lodge in Accra holds its weekly meetings in this building; National Conventions and other activities are also held here. Copies of *The Theosophist* are distributed to public libraries, parliament, universities and other institutions.

Mr Jonn O. Boakye
General Secretary

ARGENTINA AND PARAGUAY

There were twenty-three new members this year. In January, the 47th Summer School was held at the Theosophical Centre in San Rafael on 'Life on the Spiritual Path', 'Commentaries on Light on the Path,' coordinated by Mrs Linda

Oliveira and Mr Pedro Oliveira. The Publishing House in Spanish brought out the following books: *Light on the Path*, *Daily Meditations*, *Man, God and the Universe*, *The Science of Yoga*, and *Happy is the Man who is Nothing*. The

107th Ordinary General Assembly of the TS was held in San Rafael and Mr Jorge Garcia is now the new General Secretary. Living XIII was also held here in January. In July, a four day Retreat was led by Paulina Rosolén de Palmeri. The Winter School was coordinated by Jorge Cesano, with the theme 'A Research on the Truths of the *Bhagavadgītā*.' The Theosophist continues to be translated into Spanish by volunteers, and uploaded on the Website of the Section. Members are welcome to join the project by contacting elainegrassano@yahoo.es. All the material is available at www.sociedad-teosofica.com.ar.

Lodges have been studying literature

by I. K. Taimni, HPB, Jinarajadasa, R. Burnier and A. Besant, and also giving basic courses in Theosophy. One Lodge took part in a Book Fair and rented a stand for members to sell books and answer questions on Theosophy. In Buenos Aires there are monthly courses on Raja Yoga, Buddhism, etc. There is also a Radio Programme. Branches have celebrated Adyar Day, White Lotus Day and the TS Anniversary. The Theosophical Magazine is being published. A National meeting was held in Rosario. The National Council helps many Lodges with lecturers, money, books and pamphlets.

Jorge Carlos Garcia
General Secretary

AUSTRALIA

A number of developments and initiatives were taken on by the Australian Section during the year. Significant headway has been made with short courses both in print form and in PowerPoint, available for talks, workshops and discussions. A fresh presentation of Theosophy and the Society is on the Section's website as well as the new leaflet, *Theosophy: Revisiting the Ancient Wisdom*. 'Theosophy and the Dissenting Western Imagination', authored by the National President, has been published in a peer-reviewed academic journal, *vol 21.1*.

The National President has given talks at a number of Lodges and Groups and attended several events and workshops. The Annual Convention was cancelled this year due to the Queensland floods in

January and hence the Convention Business Meeting was held in Sydney. The quarterly journal *Theosophy in Australia* continues to be uploaded to the Section's website. The Open Public Access Catalogue now has close to eight thousand titles. The historian and author Michael Gomes and David Lorimer, Programme Director Scientific and Medical Network, each undertook extensive tours of the Section. Despite the current economic situation, the Section posted a surplus for the year. As of 31 August 2011, there were 1,133 members of the Australian Section, including 147 National Members.

The Theosophical Education and Retreat Centre in Queensland continues to be well managed and cared for. The

Spring event was presented by Michael Gomes in October 2010. The School of Theosophy in April-May 2011 was on 'Revisiting the Ancient Wisdom'. Canyonleigh Centre in New South Wales has been running capacity-filled events in a now completed stone amphitheatre. This year's John Cooper Memorial Prize (awarded by the University of Sydney) was awarded to Alan Morgan Boag for his Master's thesis on J. Krishnamurti.

TOS activities continued to be conducted in association with nine TS Lodges and Groups. The annual TOS working bee to maintain the buildings and grounds at Springbrook was energetically supported by communities, including tutoring refugees in English, knitting knee rugs for nursing homes, supporting a

refuge for homeless women, working in soup kitchens for the homeless, putting packs of clothes and toys for children going into care, helping in animal shelters, collecting for relief appeals and volunteering in aged-care centres and cancer support groups. The TOS raised funds for four Literacy Home-Schools for children and young women in Pakistan. Donations were made to the SEE project in Chennai that provides free cataract operations to members. TOS members contributed time and raised funds for a range of activities in their locality for needy people. Funds were provided for several other projects as well.

Dr Dara Tatray
General Secretary

BELGIUM

The Belgian Section has 88 members in eight Lodges. The three Lodges in Brussels hold weekly study groups and organize a number of public lectures every month. There are now two French Branches in Charleroi, Wallonia and three Dutch Branches in Flandria. The Branch in Charleroi organizes study groups on *The Secret Doctrine* and public lectures on a regular basis. The Flemish Branch in Gent presents two lectures and two study groups per month. The two Flemish Branches in Antwerp have thirty-two members, who organize monthly or bi-monthly study groups on *Introduction to Theosophy*, *The Key to Theosophy* and

other books, and also hold two public lectures per month.

The Section and four Branches have their own websites and four periodicals are published with their activity programmes. For over a year, the trilingual website <http://sites.google.com/site/theosophists> has been in operation. The Section celebrated its centenary on 7 June, 2011. The theme was 'Unity Empowers — in Service of the World' and there were about forty participants, including the General Secretaries from France, Germany, South Africa, and The Netherlands.

Mr Jan Jelle Keppler
General Secretary

BRAZIL

The membership now stands at 730, with an increase of twenty-three since last year. About 1,500 copies of the quarterly magazine *Theosophy* are being published regularly. The XXX Theosophical Summer School took place in January with the theme 'The Wisdom in the *Bhagavadgitā*', with 150 members attending. The main speakers were Pedro and Linda Oliveira. The XVII International Brazilian Theosophical School took place in July with the theme 'Health, Life Quality, Theosophical Practice and Therapeutic Touch', with main speaker Nelda Samarel, and 140 members attending. The Lodges are carrying out regular study groups and meetings, as well as public lectures. In Esperanŭa Lodge, an important event was the Extend Theosophy Course in the Federal University of Paraiba, with thirty hours of classes and a Certificate. In June, the book *Autoconhecimento* (Self-knowledge) was launched by the General Secretary. In Rio de Janeiro Adyar Day, Annie Besant's Birthday, Foundation Day, and White Lotus Day were celebrated.

The Advertising Department prepared videos with several Theosophical Lectures. On the Internet (<http://tvsupren.com.br>) there are Theosophical TV Programmes twenty-four hours in Brasilia, Salvador. The Cultural and Study Department concentrated on the co-ordination of

the first Course of Theosophy in a University. The website continues its activity and is a special place for Lodges and Groups to publicize their activities. The Brazilian Theosophical Publishing House published the following books this year: *The Bhagavadgitā, Self-realization through Love* by I. K. Taimni and *The Laws of the Higher Life* by Annie Besant. *Sophia* magazine is being published thrice a month with 10,000 copies distributed through newsstands and the website. The TOS promoted a successful store in Bonito-MS, with items contributed by the participants, and received approximately US \$4,000. In June, a campaign was organized to collect clothing to give homeless people during the winter. In Brasilia, in September and October, two campaigns were organized to collect toys, cleaning products, and toiletry products for two institutions for children who have aids. The Theosophical Institute of Brasilia conducted a seminar on 'Ecology and Psychology', with Marcos Aurelio Bilibio and a workshop on 'Meditation' by Osvaldo Condé. The Raja Centre Theosophical Foundation organized a seminar on the 'Golden Stairs' by Linda and Pedro Oliveira. There was also a Seminar on *Light on the Path* and *Bhakti Sutras de Narada*.

Mr Marcos Luis Borges de Resende
General Secretary

CUBA

The work of restoration and painting of the Section's building in Havana continued and is almost finished. On January 15 and 16, the Annual Convention of the Section was celebrated with the Theme 'The Activity of The Theosophical Society in the Light of The Three Objects at 115 Years of their Adoption.'

The studies of the Lodges continue, like in previous years with several themes based on theosophical books. In Havana books studied included *The Letters of*

the Master K. H. to A. P. Sinnett; The Key to Theosophy by HPB; *The Seven Great Religions* by Annie Besant; *Human Regeneration* by Radha Burnier.

The Section and the Lodges outside Havana celebrated the official dates of our Society: Founders Day, Adyar Day and White Lotus Day, always in the next week-end if the celebrations were not coincident with the day of activity of the Lodge.

Mr Gaspar Torres Martinez
National president

ENGLAND

This year's Summer School was held in Bristol University for the third time, and the guest speaker was Bhupendra Vora, who delivered the Blavatsky lecture 'The Bodhisattva Path'. There were several lectures and workshops, as well as discussion sessions during the Summer School. Several well attended weekend events took place across the Section including a weekend hosted by the North West Federation in April, with the theme 'The Heart of Mysticism', and Guest Speaker Jenny Baker. In May, the Southern Federation held a weekend conference at Tekels Park with the theme 'Esoteric Aspirations', with guest speaker Mary Anderson. The London Headquarters has been very active this year with weekly study and discussion sessions as also several lectures. The group studying and discussing *Isis Unveiled* has been well attended throughout the year. The new Gnostic Lodge has had meetings every week and seen regular attendance of 20

to 30 people. The Dhyana Centre Lodge recorded 215 enquirers over the year. Membership of the English TS in this lodge is now 91 (up from 50 last year). The 'Diploma in Theosophy' distance learning course covering basic theosophical principles which started in October last year, was concluded this September; 134 students took the examinations and the course was well received. The course will again be conducted in January and is also open to overseas members. The National Speakers Scheme provides an excellent pool of knowledge through the speakers and is available to non-theosophical groups and events as well as the Theosophical lodges. The Tekels Park estate continues to deplete resources of the English TS, and the matter is yet unresolved despite the majority decision to sell Tekels Park for the last three years.

Mr Eric McGough
General Secretary

FINLAND

The Finnish Section has twenty-five Lodges and two study groups of which two Lodges are in Estonia. Membership was 437. This year the Section had several guest speakers. Mr C. V. K. Maithreya was a speaker in the Finnish Summer-School at Kreivilä and in the Estonian Summer-School at Rakvere, and also gave well-attended public lectures. Chairman of the European Federation of the TS (EFTS) Ms Trân-Thi-Kim-Diêu conducted a Silent Retreat on *Entering the Stream of Learning*. Mr Ingo de Jong from Sweden conducted a seminar in Helsinki on *The Secret Doctrine* and Mr Hannu Vienonen led a *Secret Doctrine* week-end in the North. Mr Pertti Spets, General Secretary of Sweden visited Finland and gave a public lecture in Helsinki. There were public lectures every Sunday and Lodges arranged public lectures every month in 16 other towns in addition to the

regular Lodge meetings. There have been meditation courses and a course about Kalevala. Kreivilä continued to host courses with volunteer workers. As in the past, the TOS in Finland raised funds for three projects. Healing groups functioned in two towns regularly. The membership by September was 437. TEOSOFI magazine appears six times a year and has 415 subscribers. C. W. Leadbeater's *Occult Life* was republished in Finnish. Publicity was given on television and radio about a prominent public figure, Yrjö Kallinen, a past minister of Defence, an eminent Theosophist who founded three Lodges and was the Vice-chairman of the TS for several terms but whose Theosophical work was not known to the public.

Ms Marja Artamaa
General Secretary

FRANCE

The French Section continued to offer free courses on basic and modern Theosophy. Public lectures were arranged twice a month in Paris and Marseille and meetings were held twice a month in a public meeting room of the municipality of Reims. In Paris video projections of J. Krishnamurti's talks were offered quarterly. Three seminars were organized on the themes of 'How can the brain transform itself?', 'Is there any solution to the problem of suffering' and 'The

Gospels — Theosophical Perspectives'. The Foundation Day, Adyar Day, and White Lotus Day were celebrated. The work of the Branches continued regularly and faithfully. Two branches, the Olcott Branch in Reims and the Saint John Branch in Paris, were revived. The Annual Convention took place in July with the theme 'Truth is a Pathless Land'. The magazine *Le Lotus Bleu* was published ten times a year as usual. Along with the traditional stocks of basic theosophical

literature, two booklets in the e-book format were launched. Help was provided to members in need. The renovation of the Headquarters building, which had

been under discussion for two decades, was completed.

Ms Trân-Thi-Kim-Diêu
General Secretary

GERMANY

The Annual Summer School of the German Section was held this year in July at Lippstadt, with the theme 'The Journey is the Goal – Theosophy in Daily Life', with guest speakers Miss Mary Anderson and Mr C. V. K. Maitreya. The Dutch General Secretary, Mrs Els Rijnker, and some other members from Netherlands also attended the school, and the 'Theosophy around the World' bond of brotherhood was clearly felt. In total, thirty-six participants attended. Two regional meetings in Northern Germany near Lüneburg were attended by twenty participants. Regular meetings on a weekly or fortnightly basis continue in the seven Lodges. Group studies are well attended by members, guests and sympathizers. Books studied include the *Bhagavadgītā*, *The Voice of the Silence*, *The Secret*

Doctrine and other Theosophical texts.

At the end of September 2011, there were 111 members. The General Secretary attended the 135th International Convention and also represented Germany during the Centenary of the Belgian Section in June 2011. There were some financial difficulties due to the expenses for the library and the Adyar magazine, which are being addressed. A senior member has founded a trust, the interest from which paid for the translation and printing of the book 'Mt Everest' by George Arundale. The translated book is titled 'Light on the Spiritual Path' and is now available in public bookshops.

Mrs Manuela Kaulich
General Secretary

GREECE

The Lodges are meeting regularly. A study group named Hermes Trismegistus has been founded in Thessaloniki. Kabeiros Lodge in Alexandroupolis and study group Minos in Crete have seen a considerable increase in membership. The magazine ILISOS is being printed regularly every three months, with five hundred subscribers. During 2011, the following books were reprinted: a third

edition of *Yoga and Occultism*, a fourth edition of *Practical Occultism* and a sixth edition of *The Voice of the Silence*. C. W. Leadbeater's *The Other Side of Death* and Jinarajadasa's *Practical Theosophy* are being translated. Foundation Day, White Lotus Day and Adyar Day were celebrated.

Mr Theodoros Katsifis
General Secretary

ICELAND

The TS work in Iceland last year started with the Summer School in July where former General Secretary, Halldor Haraldsson gave a talk on 'Thorbergur Thordason and Theosophy', Thorbergur being the first Icelandic writer to translate Indian philosophic works into Icelandic. The motto of the school this time was taken from a quotation by J. Krishnamurti, 'You are the World and the World is You'. Many fine talks were given and an innovation was introduced with free contributions from the members, such as reading, slide show, singing, anecdotes, music, dancing etc. A Presentation Meeting was held in October where varied short talks were given by older and newer members. Two interviews were taken with the General Secretary on two Radio channels. The Icelandic name of the TS was changed from 'Guðspekifélag Íslands' to 'Líf-spekifélag Íslands'. The new name describes well the object and the core of the society and prevents the misunderstanding that the Society is a religious

organization. After the change this year, twenty-two new members joined the Society. Along with maintaining the homepage with various articles and programmes, the Section also started a facebook page last year. The traditional newsletter Líf-spekifélag, Mundilfari, continues to come out thrice a year. Last year the usual size was doubled and the September issue was distributed to the media, universities and other places. Gangleri, the magazine of the TS in Iceland, continues to come out twice a year comprising 80 pages and around 500 subscribers. Books published in Finnish were *Leioarljós (Light on the Path)*, *Leitavegarins (Seeking the Way)* by Rohit Mehta and *Einskonarpögn (A Kind of Silence)*. Three CDs were brought out with talks by Sigvaldi Hjalmarrson. There were altogether forty-five meetings in the Lodges.

Mrs Anna Valdimarsdóttir
General Secretary

INDIA

The 120th Indian Section Convention was inaugurated at Adyar on 27 December 2010 by the International President. The Indian Section Convention symposium was held on 29 December 2010, in which short talks on 'Tread the Path: The Theosophical Way' were delivered by Mr Vinayak Pandya, Dr R. Revathy and Dr L. Nagesh. In the section's Head Quarters at Varanasi Dr Annie Besant's birthday,

the Foundation Day and Adyar Day were celebrated. Dr Atul Bhatnagar delivered an inspiring talk on Foundation Day. A symposium was organized on (i) 'Annie Besant's contribution in Nation Building' and (ii) 'Annie Besant on Education and Women's Education' and (iii) 'Annie Besant to the Students and Youth'.

Kashi Tattva Sabha organized twenty-two public lectures this year. The weekly

study meeting covered the books *The Way to Wisdom* and *On the Watch Tower* by N. Sri Ram. *Yoga Vasishtha* is being studied in Brahma Vidya Sangoshthi. A study camp on *At the Feet of the Master* was held in October, 2010, and was attended by 71 delegates from 10 Theosophical Federations. The 88th South India Theosophical Conference was held at Adyar in April 2011; the theme, introduced by Dr Radha Burnier, was 'The Laws of the Higher Life'.

The Indian Section organized a National Seminar at Hyderabad in October 2010, which was attended by 40 delegates and 50 local members of the four Lodges in the city. The theme of the Seminar was 'The True Path of Theosophy'. Two study camps on 'Significant Factors of Theosophy' were held in Varanasi in March and April. The first camp was conducted in English by Dr N. C. Ramanujachary, on topics relating to Monads, Permanent Atoms, Group Souls and Fohat. The second camp was conducted in Hindi by Mr P. K. Jayaswal. The intention was to delve into the fundamental doctrines concerning the Eternal Essence, Manifestation and the Path. General Secretary Mr S. Sundaram delivered the inaugural addresses for the Annual Conferences of many of the Federations and also gave public lectures in several places on Theosophical subjects. The national lecturers and some

other eminent members also travelled to different places and delivered lectures.

Dr Radha Burnier, International President, spoke on 'Our Future' and 'Theosophy and the Work of Youth' in the Annual Conference of the Bombay Theosophical Federation. Vice-President Mrs Linda Oliveira and Mr Pedro Oliveira also delivered lectures in Bombay and Gujarat. The Eastern Zonal Theosophical Conference was held at Guwahati in February 2011. The Zonal Conference of Western Zone of the TOS was held in Surat in May. The North Zone Conference of the TOS was held at Raipur in September, and the South Zone Conference was held at Guntur in September. For the last ten years the Varanasi Development Authority had been trying to convince the Indian Section to surrender some of its land at the Headquarters for the purpose of road-widening. A settlement was finally reached with adequate compensation.

The Section's journal was published every month, with an average monthly circulation of 3375 copies. The membership of the Section on 30 September, 2011 was 12,147. The year saw 83 members pass to peace including Bro. Murari Lal Gupta, Col. R. G. Bhadbhade, Bro N. Muthuswamy, Bro. Jagdish Dubey and Dr R. K. Banerji.

Mr S. Sundaram
General Secretary

INDONESIA

(No report)

ITALY

The Institutional Bodies, the General Council, the Executive Committee and the General Secretariat have regularly completed their activities throughout the year. Italy has been celebrating the 150th anniversary of National Unity in 2011. Scholars highlighted the relationship between HPB and other theosophists with Mazzini and Garibaldi as well as between futurist artists and the theosophical movement. Books, press articles and TV programmes have presented the subject in a positive way and the General Secretary has been frequently interviewed on this. The group of Florence now has a seat which currently belongs to the I.T.S. thanks to an inheritance. Books published by the official publishing house of the I.T.S., the Edizioni Teosofiche Italiane, were: *Man and his Bodies* by Annie Besant, *Dreams* by C. W. Leadbeater, *Karma* by Annie Besant and *Lungo le Vie del Cuore* by Antonio Girardi. The Rivista Italiana di Teosofia has been regularly published every month with 1,300 copies issued. The I.T.S. worked with the

European Theosophical Federation and the Swiss Theosophical Society to organize the Monte Verità theosophical seminar in April, the theme of which was 'Order, Freedom and Love in Theosophical Research.' More than one hundred members from Italy attended the 97th National Congress of the I.T.S. in Assisi at the end of May 2011, on the subject of 'Theosophy and Meditation.' Over two hundred members and others followed the Congress on the Internet. The Italian Section also organized a seminar in September on 'Gnosis and Theosophy' in Grado. The official website of the I.T.S. has been enriched with more materials on the 10th World Congress, the Centenary Congress of the I.T.S. in 2002 and lectures from the 97th National Congress. The activities in cooperation with the TOS have further developed during the last year by sustaining charitable initiatives not only in Italy, but also in India, Pakistan and Burma.

Mr Antonio Girardi
General Secretary

MEXICO

This year the Section saw increased membership due to the website and facebook site, as well as the efforts of the 'Contact Agency.' There are twelve Lodges and now three study centres, with a new one in Fortin de las Flores, Veracruz. Most of the assistants are children of different ages. Another study centre in Poza Riza also works with

children, many of whom are members now. Several courses were organized at the National Headquarters and also around the Mexican Republic with different speakers. Mexico participated in the Inter-American Theosophical Federation Congress, where the National President held a conference on 'Fraternity: Practice of Humanity'. In Tepoztlan, Morelos the

Wisdom School of Theosophy called 'Service and Spirituality: The Action's Yoga for a Better World', which was an incredible spiritual event. The TOS is working in two small groups with animals and with healing rituals. Adyar Day, White

Lotus Day, the TS Anniversary and the 93rd Anniversary of the TS in Mexico were celebrated.

Mrs Lissette Arroyo
General Secretary

THE NETHERLANDS

The number of members on 30 September, 2011 stood at 386. The Section has 10 Lodges and 9 Study Centres. Activities included an event on 'Mysticism and Music' in October 2010, *At the Feet of the Master* talk with Christian Vandekerckhove in March 2011 and on 'Transformation of Consciousness' with Ravi Ravindra in June 2011. The quarterly magazine *Theosophia* is published on the internet with articles from eminent theosophists. *The Conquest of Illusion* by J. J. van der Leeuw has now been translated by Richard van Dijk. The

Library collection has 21,000 books and is open for study and borrowing. The two national study groups in Amsterdam are working with *The Secret Doctrine* and *The Mahatma Letters*. The Theosophical Landscape group meets twice a year to discuss themes of collective interest. Lectures, meditation and study groups continue in the Lodges and Centres. Themes include 'The Nature of the Mind', 'Atman', 'Art and Theosophy' etc.

Mrs Els Rijneker
General Secretary

NEW ZEALAND

The 2011 Convention was hosted in Dunedin with guest speakers from Australia Lynne Hume, and Cantabrians Lawson Bracewell and Julia Tarnawsky presenting on 'Building Community — Key to the First Object'. Many members gave talks or facilitated discussions and workshops. The Section's magazine 'TheoSophia' continues to be well-received. In November 2010 Mr Chaganti V.K. and Dr Sunita Maithreya visited six branches and gave presentations and a talk. On the TOS day during which they

spoke on *The Doctrine of the Heart and its Practical Implications* and *The Spiritual Basis of Service*. The three regional groups were reactivated during the year. Many of our members have been lecturing at various branches and study groups around the country. Study courses have been held with themes on Meditation Practice and The Mahatma Letters. Public meetings were held on a diverse variety of theosophical topics. Adyar Day, White Lotus Day and Founder's Day were all celebrated, as well as the 100th

anniversary of the North Branch. Preservation work of Geoffrey Hodson's audio cassettes continued. There are now five study groups — Gore, Takaka, Dannevirke, Christchurch and Invercargill. The Theosophical Digest continues to be

distributed in New Zealand. Study Course materials were donated to various libraries. There are now 813 members with a total decrease of 74.

Ms Sandy Ravelli
National President

THE PHILIPPINES

The Theosophical Society of Philippines participated in the Indo-Pacific Federation in December 2010, where the General Secretary gave a short talk. Between March and February, a public lecture was given by Swami Medhasananda on 'Meditation' at the Headquarters. Over the year, lectures were given to many of the Study Groups and Lodges through Skype. In early April, Facilitators Training for representatives of partners of ASMAE were conducted. The General Secretary gave a public lecture at UP Los Banos on 'Handling Stress and Emotional Distress Naturally' in April. Other activities included a public lecture by Jesse Alto on 'The Founding of the TS and its Mission', the opening of free summer classes at Golden Link College, and a public lecture on 'Mysticism and Beyond' by Syamarani Didi. The Vismin Regional Convention

was held at the end of the month. Self-Transformation Seminars were held over the year for the Philippine Ports Authority, the Mines and Geosciences Bureau, the TS in Israel, the Summer School of the TS in Spain, and the South East Asia Rural Social Leadership Institute.

The Section donated books to the University of Caloocan City and the MLQ High School in Caloocan City. The Section also participated in the Manila International Bookfair. The General Secretary gave several talks over the year. In November, a public talk on 'Theosophy' was given at Provincial Capitol, and another talk was given at the Department of Agrarian Reform in Tagbilaran City. The National Convention was held at Tagbilaran City on November 19-21.

Mr Vicente Hao Chin, Jr
General Secretary

PORTUGAL

The Portuguese Section has not developed any particular public activity because its Headquarters in Lisbon has been in renovation since several months. Only the official meetings have been held

regularly. We hope to see the renovation finalized in the next Spring.

Mr Carlos Guerra
General Secretary

SPAIN

The General Secretary, Ms Clarisa Elósegui visited several Lodges and Groups. In a number of places there was a presentation of the 'Introduction to the *Bhagavadgītā*' with slides in images and texts on the origins of the work and the meaning of its characters in our lives. An interview in the local Radio station was given. There was a

retreat with Trân-Thi-Kim-Diêu on *Introduction to the Bhagavadgītā*. A Summer school with Martin Leiderman was held on 'The Awakening of the Cosmos' on the first volume of the Secret Doctrine.

Ms Clarisa Elósegui
General Secretary

SWEDEN

In Stockholm this autumn, there were three different study groups and one dialogue group. Texts studied included I. K. Taimni's *The Science of Yoga* and *The Secret Doctrine*, by beginners as well as by advanced students. Public lectures were conducted on the following subjects: 'Beyond Belief and Knowledge', 'Ancient Wisdom in Modern Psychotherapy', 'Reincarnation' and 'Advaita'. The Autumn Weekend Gathering focused on 'Consciousness and Living in the Present'. There were also workshops and meetings in December. The group in Gothenburg studied I. K. Taimni's *Self*

Culture. The Swedish translation of *Self Culture* was also published. In Spring 2011, the study groups and dialogue group continued their work. Public lectures were held on 'Mindfulness founded in Buddhism', 'The Path to Self-Knowledge', 'The Evolution of Man according to The Secret Doctrine', and other subjects. There is also a new group in Trollhättan. The Summer School in July focused on 'Living Theosophy' with guest speaker Mr C. V. K. Maitreya.

Mr Pertti Spets
General Secretary

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

In September 2010, National Secretary David Bruce facilitated the Olcott Experience, an event where group leaders from various study centres and lodges receive training at the national centre. Fifteen members participated. This year several DVDs were sent to local lodges and study centres, including *The Seven Rays* by John Algeo and *Theosophy*:

Tradition, Revelation, Innovation by Joy Mills. The National Lodge has been studying 'The Seven Rays,' using material taken from Geoffrey Hodson and Ernest Wood. We continue to receive many requests from prisoners for enrolment in our correspondence courses. Currently, over 60 prisoners are enrolled. David Bruce oversees the prison programme and

has enlisted a number of members as volunteer mentors. There are now a total of 183 audio MP3 programmes in the Audio-Video Department that are accessible via the Audio Library website, and can be streamed or downloaded. 43 new CD titles and 32 new video DVD titles were produced this year. A number of excellent Theosophy-specific video programmes are also available, including *Milwaukee Memoirs* with Joy Mills — a tribute to the Milwaukee Lodge where Ms Joy Mills began her Theosophical career. The Henry S. Olcott Memorial library continues to emphasize access and visibility. Throughout the year, library programming has melded with theosophical outreach by the Educational Services and Outreach Department. The library also hosts the Theosophical Study Group, which meets weekly. The Educational Services and Outreach programmes this year included ‘Essentials of Buddhism’, ‘Awakening to Higher Consciousness’, ‘The Evolution of God’ and ‘Life as Sacred Theatre’. A TSWiki is being developed, with current articles about Theosophy and the TS in America.

The Theosophical Publishing House reports a dip in sales, partly due to the popularity of e-books. We have begun to move forward in converting our titles as well. Books published in 2011 include *The Brightened Mind* by Ajahn Sumano Bhikku, *Sufism and the Way of Blame* by Yannis Toussulis and *The Quotable Krishnamurti* by Robert Epstein.

Our tree planting program continued and another ten trees were planted in May 2011, bringing the total number of trees planted to forty-six in four years, funded by the contributions from members to the Tree Replacement Fund. With the success of Capital Funds Campaign, we have been able to renovate and make capital improvements on our national centre. Projects on the building have now been completed. The TS has been favourably mentioned in every report and every media outlet and received a high level of acknowledgement since the hosting of the Dalai Lama in Chicago.

Mr Tim Boyd
General Secretary

REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

AMERICA, CENTRAL

(No report)

AUSTRIA

(No report)

CANADA

(No report)

CHILE

From October 2010 until June 2011, public activities of the TS were suspended while the building was repaired with some savings and donations. The 2011 Convention was held on 30 August, 2011. The theme was 'Unity in Diversity'. 'The Theosophical Review' was published, and there were also electronic publications which were well received. The Theosophical Electronic Brochure is sent to different Spanish-speaking countries monthly, and includes excerpts from theosophical magazines and excerpts from theosophical books. The three branches in Santiago (Amor, Arundhati and Santiago) worked during this period. Some of the themes discussed by the Lodges included 'Brotherhood: a Path towards the Unity', 'Human Integration' and 'Raja Yoga: a Path to Unity?' Books studied by the Lodges included *Principles of*

Theosophical Work, The Mahatma Letters, The Voice of the Silence and The Golden Stairs. There are a total of thirty members. Annie Besant's birthday, Anniversary days of the TS and the TS in Chile, Adyar Day and White Lotus Day were celebrated. Theosophy courses were started from June 2011, and a Study Group was formed with seven participants of the public courses. The translation team worked on a number of articles and brochures, besides translating *Yogic Practice—Yama and Niyama* S. S. Varma, *The Real Work of the Theosophical Society* by Sri Ram and *Masters and Men* Virginia Hanson. Some workshops and meetings were conducted for members on Theosophical subjects.

Mr Maximiliano Aguilera
Organizing Secretary

COLOMBIA

(No report)

IRELAND

TS membership in Ireland is growing steadily. Belfast Lodge held regular weekly meetings for Talks, Meditations and Study sessions. Some of the texts studied were 'The Secret Gateway' by Edward Abdill, 'The Hidden Side of Lodge Meetings' by CWL, 'Living Truth, The Future of the Theosophical Society' by Radha Burnier and excerpts from other Theosophical texts. Phoenix Lodge in Dublin and Coleraine Study group also held regular meetings, meditation sessions and study sessions. The TS Ireland website

has been receiving a number of enquires and we provide essential Theosophical information online. Members of the TS met in Dublin on 28 May for the sixth All Ireland Convention. Mr Tom Davis, General Secretary of the South African Section served as the Guest Speaker, and gave an inspiring talk on 'In Tune with the Universe'. Photographs of the event were published on the website.

Ms Marie Harkness
Organizing Secretary

IVORY COAST

The Theosophical year was affected because of the war in our country. The normal functioning of our young Regional Organization was seriously disturbed. We could work for only five months, and studied *The Key to Theosophy*, *The*

Double Etherique and The Secret Doctrine. Since July, initiatives were taken to resume normal activity in the context of an end of the crisis.

Mr Pierre Magloire Kouahoh
Organizing Secretary

NORWAY

Members receive the monthly Newsletter containing the President's 'On the Watch Tower' notes in Norwegian and news of events in the Theosophical circles at home and abroad. In Bergen, an introductory course was given from March to mid-August on *Human Regeneration*, as the books with this title by the former President, N. Sri Ram and by President, Radha Burnier, are available in Norwegian. The Organizing Secretary, Agnes Gåsemyr, was able

to do translation work at Adyar and also attend the 2010 School of the Wisdom. Isis Resende from the Theosophical Society in Brazil visited and gave a much appreciated public talk on 'Spiritual Happiness' in Bergen and Oslo. Three new members have joined and two members have gone to Adyar as voluntary workers.

Mrs Agnes Gåsemyr
Organizing Secretary

SCOTLAND

Many members have been studying the Diploma Course in Theosophy, introduced by the English Section. Some excellent Inter-Lodge Development Meetings were held this year. Some members have been able to attend the summer school events in England. Some English speakers sponsored by the Foundation for Theosophical Studies have visited Ireland. The Dundee Lodge continues to function well with an increased membership. Edinburgh Lodge

has transformed their building and the talks have attracted many new people. Glasgow Lodge has benefited greatly from internet publicity and social evenings. This has attracted new persons to the various talks and a flourishing and enthusiastic membership. It has also introduced a monthly study group and welcome visits by international speakers.

Mr Gary Kidgell
Organizing Secretary

SLOVENIA

The Lodges had regular weekly meetings and lectures at Ljubljana, Celje and Maribor. There are now 60 members. Books studied included *Light on the Path*, *Voice of the Silence* and the *Bhagavadgītā*, as well as some articles of Sri Ram, Radha Burnier, and J. Krishnamurti from *The Theosophist*. All the TS Memorial Days were celebrated, including Foundation Day, Adyar Day and White Lotus Day. There were two schools this year, Winter School in Sonèek with the motto 'Keep the Link unbroken', attended by 28 members; and Summer School in Kranjska Gora with the motto 'Light on the Path', attended by 20 members. The annual gathering of

all the Lodges was held in Celje on 26 March 2011. Young musicians whom the Society supports, are invited to the gatherings and give concerts, and are given a copy of *At the Feet of the Master* as a present. Four public lectures were delivered in May with much public interest, by Mrs. Damjana Gec and by Mrs Breda Zager. Two volumes of the magazine Teozofska Misel appeared. Some new bookshops started to sell our books. Monthly support for the teachers at the Social Welfare Centre in Adyar was given from March onwards.

Mrs Breda Zager
Organizing Secretary

TOGO

(No report)

URUGUAY

The branches studied *The Secret Doctrine Vol. V and III. selected material*, usually translated from *The Theosophist* printed in Spanish in the magazine *Sophia*. Videos about the life and work of Nicolas Roerich were watched, and recorded lectures by Mr Juan Vinãs from the Argentine Section were played. Books studied included *The Flight of the Eagle* J. Krishnamurti and *The Human Pilgrimage* by Joy Mills. Public presentations on theosophical subjects

were given every week for three consecutive months. The TOS was very active and organized sales for donations to the needy. Bottle taps were collected for a recycling organization in exchange for food for dogs, which was donated to animal dispensaries. Free detection of diabetes was done at the building for the public.

Ms Dolores Gago
Organizing Secretary

WALES

There are four Lodges and one Centre and the membership now stands at 95. There has been a decline in attendance at meetings although a wide range of talks and study on spiritual subjects has been provided. Monthly study meetings have been held at all venues. Conwy Branch continued with study of the *Bhagavadgītā* presented by Barbara Occleshaw. Bangor and Colwyn Bay Lodge meetings were taken by Eric McGough and at the Holyhead Centre Julie Cunningham arranged meetings on Clara Codd's book *Theosophy as the Masters See It*. Forty public talks were arranged this year at North Wales venues, with presentations by leading members of the English

Section such as Colin Price, Susan Bayliss, Tim Wyatt and Cynthia and Atma Trasi. Ted Capstick and Teresa McDermott from Chester Lodge gave interesting talks. The Diploma Course in Theosophy being organized by the English Section has been well received. It attracted 22 members in Wales, and 17 have finished the course. The 'Esoterica' magazine is being circulated to all TS members in Wales. The European School of Theosophy is being held in London this year with Welsh member Ingrid Eberhard-Evans as Secretary of the School.

Ms Julie Cunningham
Organizing Secretary

PRESIDENTIAL AGENCIES

ASIA, SOUTH-EAST

(No report)

BOLIVIA

The Commemorative days were observed by the Lodges. Dr Isaac Jauli Davila visited Cochabamba, Bolivia. Meetings and Conferences were organised in Cochabamba on theosophical topics; study of different theosophical books like *The Secret Doctrine*, *The Key to Theosophy*, *Letters from the Masters*,

were studied. The Presidential representative visited branches in Tarija City and Santa Cruz. There were meetings and workshops. Public conferences were held in Cochabamba. The study groups have been quite active.

Mrs Teresa Wayar de Nunez
Presidential Representative

COSTA RICA

There are four Lodges and one Centre of Theosophical studies operating. Lodges conduct theosophical study programs, and report some decrease in attendance, except in Estrella de Oriente Lodge which has regular attendance. An Introductory Course of Theosophy was held from August to September 2011 with twenty participants. A Yoga course was held from February to August 2011. Mahatma letters study group continued bimonthly study based on *Mahatma Letters* by A. P. Sinnet and *Reflections on an Ageless Wisdom* by Joy Mills and other books. Annie Besant's Birthday, Foundation Day, Adyar Day and White Lotus Day were celebrated. The fourth Annual Convention was held in November on the theme 'MST

and At the Feet of the Master'. Social aid was given to a child for medical treatment. Work has been affected this year due to financial constraints. In September there was the Inter American Congress of Theosophy in San José, on the theme 'Living to Serve Mankind', with talks by international speakers María Orlich, Lisette Arroyo, Isis de Resende, Magaly and Eladio Polanco and Terry Hunt, Eneida Carbonell, Isaac Jauli. Participants came from USA, Mexico, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Colombia, Brazil, Argentina, and Spain.

Mrs Maria de los Angeles Orlich Soto
Presidential Representative

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Public lectures were delivered by Brother Pablo Sender in early April on 'Higher Consciousness and its impact on Daily Life' in Santo Domingo, and on 'The Theosophical Path of Meditation' in April during the Spring School retreat in Jarabacoa. In August, Sister Juliana Cesano spoke on 'The Role of the Heart in Spiritual Development' in Santo Domingo and also conducted a Summer School retreat in Jarabacoa on the topic 'Listen to the Song of Life: a Practical Application of Light on the Path'. The Presidential Representative visited on several occasions and located some land

near Bayaguana for the construction of a National Theosophical Center. Armonica Study Group in San Cristobal continues to meet regularly. Atma Lodge in Santo Domingo completed the study of 'Theosophy' by John Algeo and began the study of the *Bhagavadgitā* and *Notes on the Bhagavadgitā* by William Q. Judge and Robert Crosbie. Regular meetings are held on topics such as 'Life After Death'. White Lotus Day was celebrated. A new study group is being led by Julio Rufino.

Mrs Magaly Polanco
Presidential Agent

HUNGARY

The General Meeting was held on 27 Nov, 2010. All three Lodges were active and held regular study groups and lectures. This year we organized a monthly public lecture for 25-50 participants (total of ten lectures), with emphasis on some daily problems in the light of the theosophical point of view. Open meetings were organized after actual public lessons to meet new people and answer questions. In the last ten years one of the members, living about 200 km from Budapest, has led a study-group of non-members. Mr Szabari and Mr Miskolczi made new

translations and helped in the correction of the new editions for some published writings. We published Annie Besant's *Esoteric Christianity* and the first part of *The Secret Doctrine* was translated. Forras Lodge adopted a ritual, based on the TOS Healing Ritual, which is practised during each meeting. A Theosophical camp was held at Borsodnádád. white Lotus Day was celebrated. Currently there are 39 members.

Mr Thomas Martinovich
Presidential Representative

PAKISTAN

(No report)

PERU

The HPB Lodge offered nine public talks this year including 'Can we rule our destiny?' by Tomás Barriga and 'The Seven Rays' by Edith Pomar. Sister Edith Pomar was invited to speak at the Masonic Lodge for their 143 anniversary, and subsequently some of them sought membership of the TS. The Lodge Verdad offered only one public talk this year on 'Karma and Astrology' by Edith Pomar. Terry Hunt spoke on 'Emotions: Friends or Enemies' and 'Meditation: Myths, Aims and Methods'. The HPB Lodge offered a three day course on 'Basis of Esoteric Philosophy', and the Presidential Agency offered the same

course in Verdad Lodge later on. The HPB Lodge offered a theosophical oratory course, taught by Tomas Barriga. Lodges continued theosophical studies of *The Internal Life* and *Light on the Path*, among other books. Adyar Day, Foundation Day and White Lotus Day were celebrated along with the 87 anniversary of the HPB Lodge. Membership is now at 23. The 15th issue of the magazine 'Busqueda' was brought out. The TOS distributed medicines and clothes for the poor and elderly.

Mr Julio Gerardo Pomar
Presidential Representative

PUERTO RICO

The three Lodges continued their study in the face of great difficulty. Books taken for study were Annie Besant's *Seven Great Religions*, *The Kybalion*, *The Universe's Laws*, and HPB's *The Key to Theosophy*. The Secret Doctrine Study Group was active as before. Sister Nelda Samarel held a public conference on 'Karma as Law of Compassion' and Sister

Juliana Cesano conducted a seminar on 'Listen to the Song of Life: Practical Application of Light on the Path'. A student group was instructed on theosophical topics using John Algeo's study guide. Sunday talks continue as before.

Mrs Magaly Polanco
Presidential Agent

SRI LANKA

Monthly meetings and panel discussions were conducted in Colombo Headquarters Hall on spiritual matters by Besant Lodge in Colombo. The Badulla Hamsa Lodge and Uva Lodge conducted meetings in Uva Library Hall and in the residences of members. We have conducted a series of discussions with the school children

and with the children of Dhamma schools in Badulla and Kandy District, in commemoration of 2600 years of 'Buddha Jayanthi'. Some booklets on Buddhist education were also distributed.

Mr S. M. Jayatilake
Presidential Agent

PRESIDENTIAL AGENCIES

SWITZERLAND

We have no change to report in the past twelve months. The activity continues as normal in the Lodges. A seminar was held in early March 2011 by the Fraternitas Lodge, in the presence of

Ms Trân-Thi-Kim-Điêu and was attended by members of the European Federation.

Mrs Eliane Gaillard
Presidential Agent

VENEZUELA

(No report)

LODGES ATTACHED TO ADYAR

LOTUS LODGE (ZAGREB, CROATIA)

There are now twenty-five Lotus Lodge members. Monthly meetings take place in Zagreb and a public lecture is held every Tuesday. Themes discussed included 'Karma and Dharma in Everyday Life', 'What is TS?', and study of *At the Feet of the Master*. A few members of the Slovenian TS and Miss Mary Anderson

from UK, visited the Lodge in Karlovac on 25 June, 2011. The journal *Theosophy* continues to be published quarterly and has now become the official paper of the Croatian TS members.

Mrs Nada Tepas
President

COVENANT LODGE (TEL AVIV, ISRAEL)

The membership count on September 2011 was 85. Members held meetings on a weekly basis, with three meetings every month. Topics studied included 'Oneness — Observation, Understanding, Being', 'Many Paths, One Light' and Clara Codd's *The Ageless Wisdom of Life*. Four public meetings were held every month, in Tel-Aviv, Ramat-Gan and in the north of the country. Themes included 'Living at peace with Death', and 'Spiritual and holistic principles for self healing', 'To be or not to be — Krishnamurti', 'Theosophy, brotherhood and social justice', and other theosophical subjects. There were also weekend study and meditation groups with members and non-members. Seminars were held on a monthly basis for members and graduates of the courses. In May 2011, an Interreligious convention was held with 140 participants from different religions and backgrounds in a village near Jerusalem. Subjects

included 'The Divine Wisdom and the brotherhood of men', and 'The spiritual quest in Judaism, Christianity and Islam'. International speakers at the convention included C. V. K. Maithreya and Sunita Maithreya. In July, Mary Anderson gave six talks at the Lodge. Four introductory courses on Theosophy were held. There were 12 five-session workshops, which are given as a service to the community to bring more people into contact with Theosophy. The total participation was 150, and the workshops focused on insights and methods of awareness and meditation based on Theosophy and Buddhist teachings. The 93rd issue of the magazine OR (Light) was released, and five issues of the free internet magazine Or-Net, which has 1000 subscribers, were produced.

Mr Abraham Oron
President

NIPPON LODGE (TOKYO, JAPAN)

We are really grateful for heartfelt messages and deepest concern from the world's Theosophists regarding current nuclear crisis caused by nuclear accidents on 12 April 2011. Presently, nuclear radiation is gradually worsening in Japan; however, all members of Nippon Lodge are safe. In a deteriorating situation of nuclear radiation, we hold monthly study meetings of the Nippon Lodge at Tokyo, Japan, with an average attendance of 10 throughout the year. We are really grateful for the atmosphere of freedom of thought at the Lodge meetings of the Theosophical Society. Recent studies in the Lodge meetings were based on texts

as the Japanese translated version of H. P. Blavatsky's *Cosmogenesis* Volume I of *The Secret Doctrine* and the Japanese translated version of Arthur E. Powell's *The Solar System*. We publish *The Japanese Theosophist* which is a bi-monthly Japanese Theosophical magazine of the Nippon Lodge of TS. The articles of our magazine are Japanese translations of Annie Besant's *Thought Power*, C. W. Leadbeater's *Text-book of Theosophy*, C. W. Leadbeater's *Hidden Life in Freemasonry* and H. P. Blavatsky's *The Secret Doctrine*, Vol II.

Mr Taichi Yamaguchi
President

SINGAPORE LODGE

The Section had 379 members as of 30 September, 2011, showing an increase of 13 members over last year. There are a growing number of earnest students amongst the new members. Two members passed on to higher light this year. The Executive Committee continued to focus on 'A Course in Theosophy' (ACT) Programme as the principal means to attract new members. Only one class was conducted in 2011. Meditation courses for enquirers continue to be conducted, giving them the fundamentals and philosophy of meditation. The Mahatma Letters study class conducted by the President commenced on May 2009 was concluded on December 2010, with two additional

sessions. Of special interest was a slide show of the 240 or so personalities mentioned by the Masters in Their letters. *The Key to Theosophy* study class was conducted this year for members only, with 89 participants, from July to November 2011. The Singapore Lodge organized talks and lectures on several subjects such as 'The Law of Sacrifice', 'The Inner Life' and 'The Nature of Psychic Abilities'. Videos on theosophical subjects were also screened — the *Guideposts for Living* series, with John Algeo for *At the Feet of the Master*, Joy Mills for *Bhagavadgitā* as well as other eminent theosophists. International visitors who came to lecture included Mr C. V. K.

Maitreya, Dr N. C. Ramanujachary and Mr Hrishikesh Sharan. Foundation Day, White Lotus Day and the 122 anniversary of the Lodge were celebrated. 36 members of the Lodge attended

the 135th International Convention of the TS.

Mr Chong Sanne
President

ANKH LODGE (KIEV, UKRAINE)

There are four lodges and more than sixty-two members in the Ukraine. All the groups celebrated White Lotus Day, and there are regular meetings and study of classical theosophical literature. There are also two groups of ITS members in Lvov and Lugansk. In Kiev more than eighty persons from Russia and Ukraine took part in a conference in November on 'Theosophy and Science'. The Ukrainian Theosophical website started work in November 2010, and there have

been four electronic issues of the magazine. A hundred persons from Ukraine and Russia participated in the International Forum in June, dedicated to the 180th birth anniversary of HPB in her birthplace, Dnepropetrovsk. During the year, seminars were held in Dnepropetrovsk, Yalta, Odessa, Lugansk, Lvov and Kiev.

Mrs S. Gavrylenko
President

ALETHEIA LODGE (YALTA, UKRAINE)

The Lodge has nine members and meetings were held weekly with all members present. Once a month closed meetings were held. *The Secret Doctrine* and Annie Besant's *Fraternity of Religions* were studied. The theme of 'Christianity' was studied in depth and the theme of

'Keepers of the Secret Theosophical Knowledge' was begun. On the whole, the work of the group included study of a wide range of classical theosophical literature.

Mrs T. Kozhemiakina
President

PEARL NECKLACE LODGE (ODESSA, UKRAINE)

Regular meetings were held this year on Tuesdays, where the Lodge members studied *The Secret Doctrine* Vol. 2, with commentaries, and *The Voice of the Silence*. General meetings are held on Saturdays for those who are interested in

studying Theosophy. Meetings were also held in the summer in the cultural centre in Pavlinka Village, where the conditions of living were improved. White Lotus Day was celebrated. The newspaper 'The Way of Knowledge' was published five times

in the year, and included articles on theosophy as well as translations from *The History of the Theosophical Society*. In addition, several books were published. Some of the members visit prisoners in a

penal colony where lectures on theosophy are held and are much in demand.

Ms V. Perevalov
President

H. P. BLAVATSKY LODGE (DNIPROPETROVSK, UKRAINE)

The Lodge now has fifteen members. Eleven meetings were held this year, and topics discussed included a programme of commemorative events dedicated to HPB's anniversary, study of the history of the Theosophical movement, distribution of theosophical knowledge, ideas and principles, and improvement of the quality of life and relations between members. New Vice President Yurchenko D. was elected. Theosophical literature studied includes two volumes of *The Secret Doctrine*, and William Q. Judge's *The Ocean of Theosophy*, as well as other works of HPB and Annie Besant. During an open session of the Lodge, the slide-film 'Tour along the Adyar' and video 'Ukraine in ITS' were

shown. The book *In Memory of Deceased* on the fate of Russian Theosophists living outside the USSR. White Lotus Day was celebrated with readings and respects for the memory of HPB. A conference was held on the theme 'Scientific Readings Dedicated to Helena Petrovna Blavatsky.' There was also a concert in her honour, wrapping up what has become an important cultural event for the city and the general public. International Forum 'Madame Blavatsky and the Present' was held in June 2011. Members spoke at various conferences to show the theosophical view on many issues.

Mrs T. Golovchenko
President

ORLANDO LODGE (U.S.A.)

Regular meetings are held each month, barring the summer months. A Theosophical Healing Circle conducts a healing meditation once a month. On the first Friday of each month a program called 'Meditation On Life' is held, followed by readings and discussion of texts by N. Sri Ram. Every third Friday a Theosophical textbook is studied, and this year's text

was *Meditation, A Practical Study* by Adelaide Gardner. In October, a special program, Nature Sanctuary Day is held to promote Nature Awareness and Gratitude. The School of Theosophy in Orlando holds classes in Basic Ideas of Theosophy in the Spring and Fall each year. The quarterly internet newsletter, 'Theosophy Today' is circulated through mailing lists.

SOFIA LODGE (MOSCOW)

In September the weekly open meetings were renewed after the summer break. They are attended more by non-members than the members, but they are useful for attracting new members. The topics of discussions were: How to make Theosophy a working factor in our lives; Meaning of the motto 'there is no religion higher than Truth': what truth is meant?; Meaning of the emblem of the Theosophical Society; New worldview and dogmatism; On a freedom of choice and man's will in prac-

tical aspect; Spirituality as a uniting factor; Stages of spirituality: the initiations. The weekly talks on Theosophy for young people are conducted by one of the members. *Talks on the Path of Occultism: Commentaries to Voice of the Silence* by C.W. Leadbeater and A. Besant were translated into the Russian language during this year, though this translation is not still published. The website of the Lodge was created and digitization of the magazine of the former Russian Section is on.

**DIRECTORY
AND
MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
GENERAL COUNCIL**

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

of the Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society
held on Sunday, 25 December 2011, at Adyar

PRESENT

Mrs Radha Burnier	<i>President and proxy for Linda Oliveira, Africa E & C, Greece, and Mexico</i>
Mrs Kusum Satapathy	<i>Secretary</i>
Miss Keshwar Dastur	<i>Treasurer and proxy for Mr Surendra Narayan</i>
Dr Dara Tatray	<i>General Secretary, Australia</i>
Mr Marcos L. B. Resende	<i>General Secretary, Brazil</i>
Mr Jan Jelle Keppler	<i>General Secretary, Belgium</i>
Mr S. Sundaram	<i>General Secretary, India and proxy for Mr H. K. Sharan</i>
Mr Antonio Girardi	<i>General Secretary, Italy</i>
Ms Marja Artamaa	<i>General Secretary, Finland</i>
Ms Tran-Thi-Kim-Dieu	<i>General Secretary, France and proxy for Spain, Germany and Portugal</i>
Ms Els Rijneker	<i>General Secretary, Netherlands</i>
Ms Sandy Ravelli	<i>General Secretary, New Zealand</i>
Mr Tom Davis	<i>General Secretary, South Africa</i>
Mr Pertti Spets	<i>General Secretary, Sweden</i>
Mr Tim Boyd	<i>General Secretary, USA and proxy for Ms Joy Mills and Philippines</i>
Mrs Helen Jamieson	<i>Additional Member</i>
Mr Ricardo Lindemann	<i>Additional Member</i>
Mr D. K. Govindaraj	<i>Additional Member</i>
Mr Sriram Panchu	<i>Additional Member</i>
Mr Keith Fisher	<i>Additional Member</i>
Dr Dusan Zagar	<i>Additional Member</i>
Mr Bhupendra Vora	<i>Additional Member</i>

Present as Observers by invitation:

Mrs Agnes Gaasemyr	<i>Organizing Secretary, Norway</i>
Mr Colin Price	<i>England</i>
Mrs Patrizia Calvi	<i>Italy</i>
Mr Narendra Shah	<i>Africa E & C</i>
Mr Bhagwan Bharvani	<i>Pakistan</i>

The list of proxies was read out as above. The President welcomed those present.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held at Adyar on 25 December 2010 having been circulated, were taken as read and signed.

2. Matters arising out of the Minutes

1. The Vice-President had ascertained the views of members of the General Council regarding the possibility of changing the dates of the General Council Meeting and the Convention. It was agreed after further discussion that the dates for the Convention will not be changed; The General Council Meeting will be held on 31 December instead of 25 December.

2. No comprehensive report had been submitted by the Committee consisting of Mr Sriram Panchu, Mr S Sundaram and Mr Pedro Oliveira not to renew the lease of buildings in the Damodar Gardens to the Krishnamurti Foundation of India beyond the present lease period ending in 2014. During the extensive discussion Mr Sriram Panchu verbally moved a resolution to allow the KFI to continue to run the school in Damodar Gardens under a licence till 2020. The General Council did not agree to this resolution and stands by the decision of the Executive Committee.

3. Voting for Treasurer and General Council members

(a) *Election of Mr T. S. Jambunathan as Treasurer*

The President had nominated Mr T. S. Jambunathan for election under Rule 2(b) of the Rules and Regulations as Treasurer of the Theosophical Society for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014.

The result of the voting was as follows:

	<i>For:</i>	<i>Against:</i>	<i>Abstained:</i>
Mr T. S. Jambunathan	30	0	0

Mr T. S. Jambunathan was declared elected as Treasurer of the Theosophical Society for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014.

(b) *Re-election of Mr Ricardo Lindemann and Mr H. K. Sharan as Additional Members*

The President had re-nominated Mr Ricardo Lindemann and Mr H. K. Sharan for election under Rule 2(b) of the Rules and Regulations as Additional Members of the General Council for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014.

The result of the voting was as follows:

	<i>For:</i>	<i>Against:</i>	<i>Abstained:</i>
Mr Ricardo Lindeman	19	10	1
Mr H. K. Sharan	21	3	6

Mr Ricardo Lindemann and Mr H. K. Sharan were declared elected as Additional Members of the General Council for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014.

4. Report on the Non-English Publications Fund

No grants were disbursed during the year. As on 30 September 2011 the balance was US \$ 104,608. The total balance has been reduced due to a lower market value on USD bonds and a lower exchange rate for the Euro.

5. Report on the International Funds

As on 30 September 2011 the total of the International Funds were US \$ 1,741,319. The International Fund in New Zealand has been closed, and the money has been transferred to the fund in Australia.

6. Report by the President on Headquarters

The government's policy to push for more enterprises in the city has led to an increase in the number of companies that are able to offer much higher pay to workers than the TS can afford. Therefore there is a substantial decrease in the number of workers at the Headquarters.

7. Appointment of Executive Committee for 2012

The following Executive Committee members were appointed for 2012:

Mrs Radha Burnier	President (ex-officio)
Mr M. P. Singhal	Vice-President (ex-officio)
Mrs Kusum Satapathy	Secretary (ex-officio)
Mr T. S. Jambunathan	Treasurer (ex-officio)
Mr D. K. Govindaraj	General Council Member
Mr Surendra Narayan	General Council Member
Mr H. K. Sharan	General Council Member
Mr Sriram Panchu	Member
Mr S. Harihara Raghavan	Member
Prof. C. A. Shinde	Member

While appointing the Executive Committee, the President announced that she has received 25 votes confirming her nomination of Mr M. P. Singhal as the Vice President.

8. Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011

The Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011, which had been previously circulated, were considered and approved.

9. The Budget for the year ending 31 March 2013

The Budget for the year ending 31 March 2013, which had been previously circulated, was considered and approved.

10. Appointment of Auditors for the year ending 31 March 2012

M/s Srihari & Co, were re-appointed as Auditors of the Theosophical Society for the year ending 31 March 2012 on the same terms.

11. Proposals of the Policy Committee

(a) The policy document for the TS prepared by the policy Committee was considered. The final document as agreed after detailed discussions will be further discussed in the 2012 General Council Meeting. A separate document was agreed upon containing proposed changes to the Rules. This will be further discussed in the 2012 GC meeting.

(b) The proposals of the General Secretary of the Australian Section did not require discussion having been covered under other agenda points.

